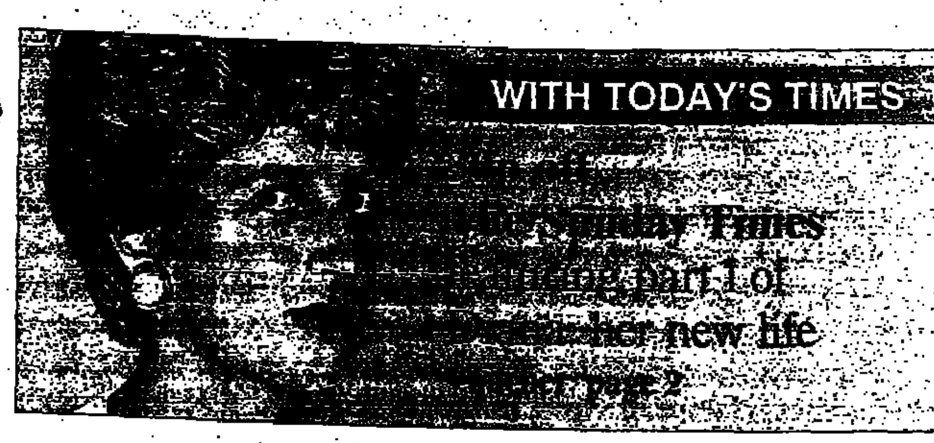
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Cabinet rejected offer to fight rebels

Heseltine was ready to go if post Bill fell

By Nicholas Wood, chief political correspondent

MICHAEL Heseltine was prepared to resign if a Bill to privatise the Post Office was defeated in the Commons. His high-wire offer was turned down by the Cabinet at its 3½-hour meeting on Thursday.

The President of the Board of Trade offered to "go down with the ship" but found himself outnumbered despite winning backing from some Thatcherite ministers.

This disclosure, confirmed last night by highly-placed political sources, will fuel the mounting internal Tory recriminations over the Government's refusal to gamble on facing down the 20 rebels and pushing through the legislation. It also explains why Mr Heseltine said that it would have been a "very attractive option" to treat a sell-off as an issue of personal confidence.

At the Cabinet meeting Mr Heseltine gave his colleagues a candid assessment of the forces arraigned against him. He told them that the position was bad, and that he had been unable to sway all the rebels.

He believed, however, that with the full force of the Government behind him he could see a way forward to winning a second reading vote. This was an apparent dig at what his friends regard as a lack of enthusiasm in the Whips' Office.

Mr Heseltine admitted that the task would be more difficult at the report stage and third reading, when the Government could be faced with amendments. There was also the likelihood of Lords' wrecking amendments. Nevertheless, he was prepared to take a the chance. If he failed, he would resign.

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, and Michael Portillo, Employment Secretary, both ardent advocates of privatisation, were prepared to accept Mr Heseltine's recommendation. But Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, was in the forefront of those who believed that such a course of action was too dangerous and could inflict serious damage. Mr Heseltine had to accept that he had little support.



Heseltine: won support of Thatcherite ministers

The Prime Minister did not intervene immediately, and allowed his colleagues to discuss Mr Heseltine's offer before summing up in favour of dropping the measure.

The candour of Mr Heseltine's assessment of the size and strength of the threatened rebellion is believed to have counted against him. He might have got more support if he had been more confident of pulling off his coup. But it would have been difficult for him to sell the chances of victory, with the rebels being so outspoken in denouncing his option of selling a 51 per cent stake in the Royal Mail and various compromises.

This insight into the Cabinet's agonising came as Mr Heseltine dismissed suggestions that he should quit now because of his humiliation. He intends to stay in the front line, in his present job.

He said yesterday: "I'm in a very bullish mood. I'm a sort of recurring theme for the collapse of my career and then the miraculous recovery. If they're writing me off now, that's a very good sign that the future is looking pretty bright. This job is a job I have always wanted. It is a long-term job. I think it is a mistake that we've changed the incumbents of my office as often as we have."

Many MPs, from both wings of the party, are rallying around Mr Heseltine and blaming Mr Major and Richard Ryder, the Chief Whip, for loss of nerve.

Their view was that Mr Heseltine had not been damaged by his rebuff, and that he was better placed than anyone else if a leadership contest were to arise. With Tory support at 21.5 per cent and the Government's public standing crippled by the "sleaze" issue, Mr Major's future has been clouded, although few expect him to face an early challenge.

With the Tory Right, led by Norman Lamont and Edward Leigh, on the rampage over the decision to drop the Bill there is a growing gap between consolidators and those who want to give the Government a fresh radical edge.

Mr Lamont yesterday used a attack on the rebels as a coded assault on the leadership. "The mistake they've made is not to realise the Conservative Party is not going to win the election by doing nothing, sitting on its hands, no ideas, no policies."

Sir Norman Fowler, the former party chairman, also joined the fray, condemning the "unrepresentative minority" on the Conservative benches responsible for an "undoubted setback".

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, confirmed that the Treasury was highly reluctant to give the Post Office greater commercial freedom by easing restrictions on its right to borrow money. "We will have to see whether we can allow it to borrow more but, public borrowing being what it is, that is not particularly likely. We are not in the position where the state can suddenly start borrowing for the sake of the Post Office," he toldBBC radio.

Mr Clarke said: "It is irritating that we have lost this part of our programme because a dozen backbenchers of rather varying opinion."

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CHRIS HARRIS



Time to complain: five climbers signal from the roof of Westminster Hall yesterday

Protest on Parliament roof

By Jonathan Prynn
Political reporter

ANTI-GOVERNMENT protesters scaled the roof of Westminster Hall yesterday in the most serious breach of parliamentary security since lesbians abseiled into the Lords chamber in 1988.

A crowd of tourists and passers-by gathered in front of Parliament to watch five men unfurl a large, pink banner reading "Defy the CJB", a reference to the bitterly contested Criminal Justice Bill, and a smaller one supporting peaceful protests.

It was the latest in a series of demonstrations against the Act which became law on Thursday. Itcould now be among the first actions to fall foul of the legislation. Previously peaceful protests involving trespass could be treated only as a civil offence. The Criminal Justice and Public Order Act changed that in its section aimed at curbing the activities of "new-age travellers", squatters and hunt saboteurs.

Richard Gee, for the protesters, said that the climb had been planned for weeks but had been postponed because of the weather. The protesters had easily evaded police, scrambling over a fence and using ropes to reach the roof of the 11th-century hall. From there, they sounded klaxons and shouted, ignoring police attempts to talk them down until three descended at 5.30pm and were arrested. The other two shouted their intention to stay overnight.

Two more, who had been arrested on the ground before they could follow their companions, were taken to Charing Cross police station.

Mike Link, one climber, said he was protesting against the "fundamental attack on civil liberties and human rights" in the Act and the "utterly flawed" institutions of democracy that had allowed it to become law.

Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, will receive a report on the security breach.

Poppy appeal in crisis as more is spent than received

By John Young

THE Royal British Legion's annual poppy appeal in support of ex-servicemen and their widows and dependents is in financial crisis. Last year it raised £14 million, but £23 million was spent on benevolent work.

Even taking into account other income, from legacies and fund-raising, the appeal spent £2.8 million more than it received: the shortfall was covered from reserves. Under an agreement with the Charity Commissioners, that option is not available again this year.

Last year donations averaged 25p per head of population. Although this was the highest ever, Ian Cannel, the appeal chairman, said yesterday that the figure should have been higher.

Launching this year's appeal on board the aircraft carrier *HMS Illustrious* in Portsmouth Harbour, Mr Cannell asked whether it was too much to suggest that the poppy might be worth the price of a cup of coffee or a pint of beer.

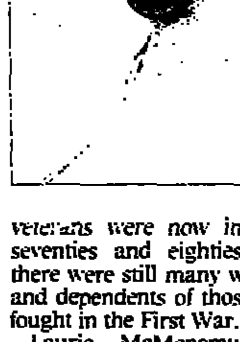
"Twenty-five pence for the people who gave this country its freedom, suffering in some cases maiming, injury, death or even the loss of a husband or father," he said. "Twenty-five pence ... for those injured 50 years ago or in more recent conflicts and peace-keeping missions such as the Falklands and Bosnia!"

In 1993, he said, the Legion spent £23 million on benevolent work. Only 64 per cent of that was raised by Poppy Day donations. Without enough funds the Legion could not continue to run its residential and convalescent homes or the assistance provided to more than 100,000 people each year.

Portsmouth had played an important part in the D-Day 50th anniversary this year, and there had since been more cases of post-traumatic stress disorder brought on by the reawakening of memories.

"We can't tell people that we can no longer help them," he said. "But we can turn to you and plead with you to think again about just what the poppy means or represents."

Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton, the Legion president, said some were apt to say that because the last major war ended 50 years ago the Legion must need money less than it did. But second World War



veterans were now in their seventies and eighties, and there were still many widows and dependents of those who fought in the First War.

Laurie McMenemy, the Southampton FC director of football and a former Coldstream guardsman, a guest speaker at the launch, said that in just over a week millions of people would be queueing to buy tickets for the National Lottery. Now was a good time to practice putting their hands in their pockets.

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James Bulger parents split

Denise and Ralph Bulger, parents of two-year-old James Bulger, who was murdered in 1993 by two boys aged 11, have separated and are consulting solicitors about divorce because of the strain of the past two years ....Page 3

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Croat victory forces Serbs into call-up

By Eve-Ann Prentice

BOSNIAN Serbs yesterday announced a general military call-up and plans for martial law in areas under their control after being routed by Muslim-led forces in Kupres, 60 miles west of Sarajevo.

The fall of the town has alarmed United Nations peacekeepers, who fear that the Serbs will retaliate against Muslim-Croat forces, sparking heavy fighting.

The Bosnian Serb parliament is to be asked to impose martial law next week, and Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, wore military uniform yesterday as he promised to "break the spine" of the government army.

The Kupres battle marks the first victory for Muslims and Croats since they reunited this year and comes after the Muslims burst out of the Bihac pocket in northern Bosnia two weeks ago to attack Serb-held Bosanska Krupa.

Yesterday the UN warned Serbs of Nato airstrikes if they continued shelling the Bihac "safe area".

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Match of the day: lager lout takes on a 6ft 9in rugby star

By Robin Young

A LAGER-swigging, swearing lout who lit a cigarette in a London Tube train suffered a quick conversion yesterday in a short scrimmage with a 19-stone rugby international.

The man and his friend, drinking from cans, had been annoying passengers on the crowded District Line train at 8 am. But among the passengers was Norm Hadley, the 6ft 9in Wasps and Canada lock forward. When the lout defied regulations by lighting up, Mr Hadley decided that enough was enough.

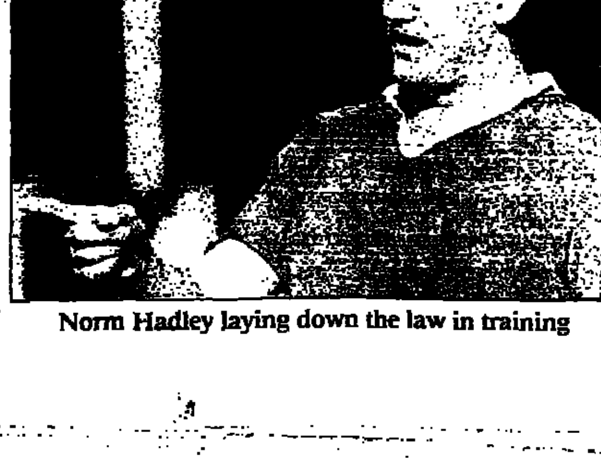
He told him to put out the cigarette, and received a stream of foul language. Without more ado, Mr Hadley knocked the smoker back into his seat. Passengers cheered. The lout stubbed out his cigarette and, at the next stop, the pair fled.

Mr Hadley was travelling to work in the City when the drinkers boarded the train at St James's Park. A friend with Mr Hadley said: "The bloke was a complete idiot to try to take Norm on. He didn't realise how big he is."

Another City worker, Lawrence Gosling, said: "It was all pretty offensive, but everybody was trying to ignore them. Then one lit up and was just sneering. Mr Hadley told him to put it out, and this yob swore. It was not a wise move. The rugby player stood up and thumped him once, and then hit him again. The yob put out his cigarette and looked pretty stupid."

A spokesman for London Underground said: "We understand that Norm Hadley did rather decisively sort out a situation this morning, but we urge some caution in the way in which passengers approach their fellow customers. Perhaps you need to be a rugby forward to have that sort of confidence."

Last night Mr Hadley was travelling to play the Lancashire team, Orrell. None of his fellow passengers was swearing or smoking.



Norm Hadley laying down the law in training

Agreement shields BAe from rival

By Ross Tieman
Industrial correspondent

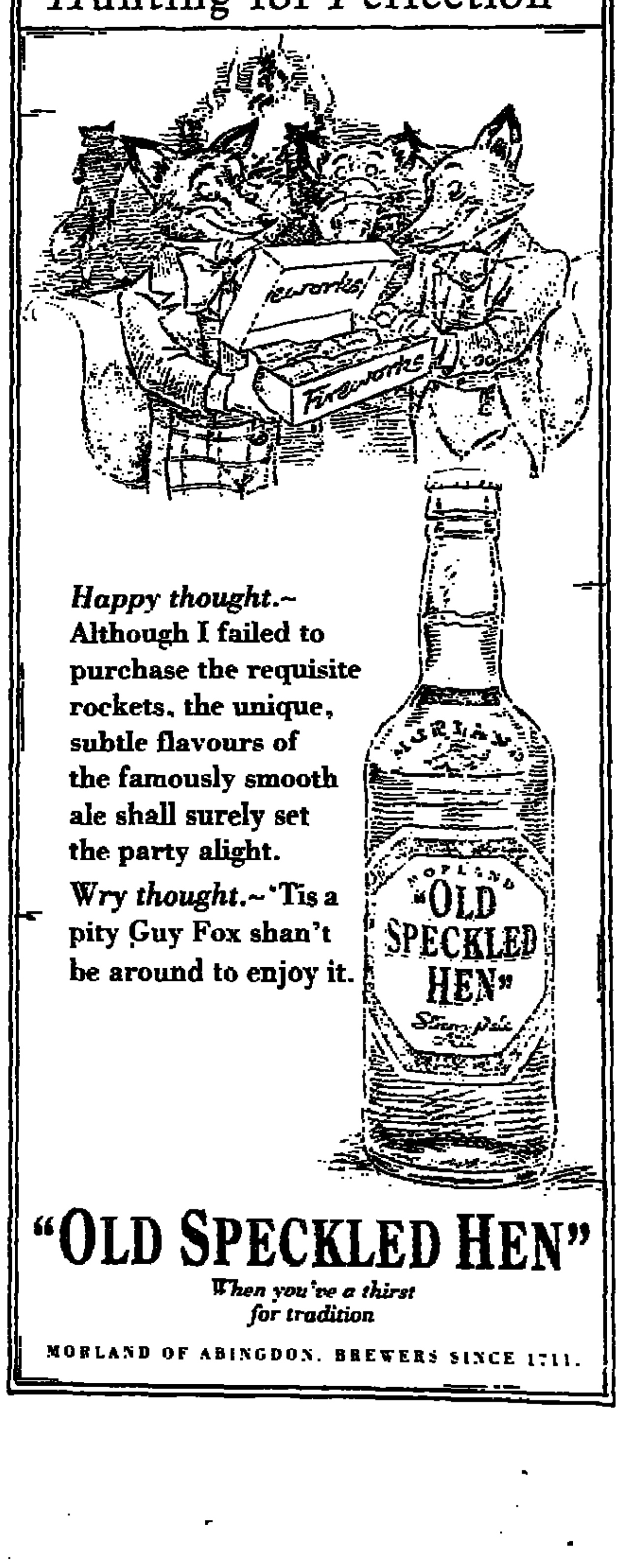
BRITISH Aerospace, Britain's biggest defence contractor, is protected from GEC, its arch-rival, by a no-takeover agreement made earlier this year, it emerged yesterday.

The deal was signed after GEC proposed that the two companies mount a joint operation to buy VSEL, the Barrow-in-Furness warship builder. They failed to agree, and are now bidding against each other to try to win control of the shipyard.

BAe says it can continue to prosper alone, even if it fails to secure VSEL and its huge pile of spare cash. But GEC, which has topped BAe's bid with an offer worth £532 million, looks set to renew its proposals for a merger of their naval construction and electronic interests once VSEL's future has been decided.

The bid battle has provoked consternation in the Ministry of Defence, which likes to pretend that even the biggest projects can be decided by competing tenders.

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Nuclear fuel chiefs give Heseltine new sell-off headache

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NUCLEAR power chiefs have presented Michael Heseltine with a new privatisation problem after the collapse of his plans for the Post Office.

They are pressing the President of the Board of Trade to give an early go-ahead for an estimated £1.5 billion sell-off of the country's most modern atomic energy plants. Dr Bob Hawley, chief executive of Nuclear Electric, the state-owned company that runs the industry, told reporters in London yesterday that he wanted a decision by the early spring.

Ministers are considering their next move after just completing a review of the industry over the summer. Because privatisation would not require primary legislation, Dr Hawley believed the sell-off could be completed within another 18 months — before the most likely date for the next election.

The decision will pose a serious headache for Mr Heseltine in the light of the Government's abandonment of plans to sell the Royal Mail and growing doubts about its appetite for contentious policies in the run-up to the next election. Cabinet consolidators appear to have the edge over radicals and Mr Heseltine might not want to risk fresh humiliation.

Although selling off the country's six most advanced nuclear plants would not require a Bill, it is almost certain that the Government would have to put the matter to a vote in Parliament.

Given the controversies surrounding the industry's safety, environmental dangers and costs, it could well become the focus of more Tory backbench unrest.

Nuclear Electric was set up five years ago when the Government exempted the nuclear power industry from its electricity privatisation programme at the last minute, after it became clear that City investors were not prepared to cover the huge costs of decommissioning the older Magnox plants as they become obsolete.

However, since 1989 a 10 per cent nuclear levy has been applied to all electricity bills, raising funds for the clear-up costs.

Nuclear Electric wants ministers to keep the six remaining Magnox stations in state hands and use the £9.1 billion in the kitty so far to cover the costs of returning them to greenfield sites and reprocessing the radioactive waste.

The eventual costs of decommissioning the five advanced gas-cooled reactors and Sizewell B, a pressurised-water reactor (PWR), would be borne by the private sector.

Morgan Stanley, the merchant bankers advising Nuclear Electric on a sale, have concluded in a report sent to Mr Heseltine that private investors would be prepared to run the risks of taking it over.

Dr Hawley said that although his company had been "born out of chaos" it was now a "success story". Electricity output from its 12 plants was up 50 per cent, losses had been cut from £1 billion a year to, in effect, £200 million with profitability in sight by next year, and the generating costs had been cut from 5.2p per kilowatt-hour to 3.1p. Nuclear's share of the electricity generating market was up from 16 per cent to 25 per cent.

Now the company wanted the freedom to expand its operations overseas and to diversify into other forms of energy generation. It wanted to build a new PWR on the Sizewell site in Suffolk to come on stream early in the next century.

Dr Hawley said: "We have said to the Government, we would like you to privatise us and we have shown we are capable of being privatised. We want it because, with the best will in the world, the Government uses us as a balancing act. For instance, during the review of the coal industry, they took two contracts off us to help the mines."

Dr Hawley added that while they wanted to rid themselves of government "interference" they were ready to accept a regulatory regime.

"We are capable of being privatised now because primary legislation is not required."

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Tories seeking new flagship legislation

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR ministers began a campaign yesterday to defend the Government against allegations of political drift after the collapse of its Post Office privatisation plans.

Tory MPs urged ministers to bounce back from the setback with radical policies amid signs that the Government is searching for a new flagship piece of legislation. The Cabinet is anxious to freshen up the presentation of Bills to be unveiled in this month's Queen's Speech. Most of the Bills have been well signposted but there were suggestions yesterday that at least one high-profile piece of legislation was planned as a surprise package. "They may be something that has not featured in discussions in recent months but which will prove popular," a Tory party source said.

A higher profile is likely to be given to the two biggest Bills, which will force British Gas into competition with other companies and tighten up rules on pension funds and raising women's retirement age to 65.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said: "There will be other flagships in this winter's programme. I think there will be extremely dramatic things in the Queen's Speech and I don't think that Parliament is going to have a quiet life this winter."



MARC ASPLAND

Terry Venables was said to be delighted by the SFO's decision to take no action

Fraud office rules out Venables investigation

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE Serious Fraud Office announced yesterday that it will not investigate the financial dealings of Terry Venables's company Edennote despite allegations in a *Panorama* programme about the England coach.

The Department of Trade and Industry had passed documents to the SFO. But George Staple, director of the SFO, returned the papers to the department for it "to take such action as appropriate".

Mr Staple said that the link between Edennote, which collapsed last year, and an investigation being conducted by the SFO into a company called Landhurst Leasing "was not such as to make it appropriate for the matters identified to be investigated by the SFO".

Mr Venables was not available yesterday but his solicitor, Nick Trainer, said: "I've spoken to him by phone and he's delighted the announcement has been made ... everyone can see that everything in the press about us being investigated by the SFO is rubbish."

Mr Venables could still face charges or civil action under the Companies Act if the DTI is not satisfied with his answers to allegations made by *Panorama* on Monday.

Mr Venables said on the day of the broadcast: "I have nothing to fear from this programme and it is just another step in a bitter campaign to discredit me."

The Football Association is standing by Mr Venables, who was appointed last January. It is understood that his position would become untenable only if he were convicted of a criminal offence, arising out of the allegations made by *Panorama* and other media investigations. He started libel proceedings against the BBC after the first *Panorama* programme about his financial activities, which was broadcast last year. Also, he is still pursuing a case for unfair dismissal after being sacked as manager of Tottenham in May 1993.

Landhurst Leasing, which collapsed in 1992, provided a £1 million loan to Edennote, which was used as a vehicle for Mr Venables's joint takeover bid for Spurs in 1991 with Alan Sugar. Mr Venables says the loan was unsecured and denies *Panorama*'s allegation that the money was raised unlawfully in a complex arrangement involving assets of another company of which he had been a director, Transatlantic Inns.

He has been interviewed in connection with the inquiry into Landhurst as a witness and former customer.

Man detained over teenagers' deaths

Detectives searching for the killer of three teenagers in the North East are questioning a man. Last month forensic tests showed that David Hanson and David Grieff, both 15, and 18-year-old Thomas Kelly, all from Sunderland, had been strangled and then set on fire. Police had previously thought they were victims of solvent abuse.

Yesterday Northumbria Police said: "We can confirm a 24-year-old local man has been arrested by police who are questioning him about the murder of three teenagers in the city." Thomas Kelly's charred body was found last November. In February, David Hanson's body was found by fire crews called to a blaze less than a mile away. Days later, David Grieff's body was found on the allotments not far from where Thomas had died.

NUT seeks tests review

The National Union of Teachers yesterday demanded a review of government policy on testing and assessment as the price of a possible settlement of its two-year boycott. Doug McAvoy, its general secretary, said a survey of members showed they remained concerned about the extra workload imposed by national tests for children aged 7, 11 and 14. Although only one in four teachers responded, the survey showed there was enough opposition to maintain the boycott.

Robbers kill priest

An Irish priest was shot dead by robbers in Kenya as he drove back to his mission from Nairobi. Father Martin Boyle, 52, originally from Ennis, Co Clare, was killed on Thursday as he drove along the main road between Nairobi and Nakuru. He was a missionary in the Eldoret diocese for the Kiltegan order.

Father told to stay away

A man who kicked his partner unconscious, attacked her with a knife and threatened to kill her has been ordered to keep away from her for the rest of his life, believed to be the first ruling of its kind. Mr Justice Sedley jailed Martin Stone, 35, of Stockport, for eight and a half years for causing grievous bodily harm to the mother of his two children.

Crowther gives up TV



The television presenter Leslie Crowther, right, announced his retirement yesterday, two years after a car crash that left him in a coma for four weeks. Crowther, 61, said: "I wouldn't be able to do the things I've done again the way I would want to do it, and the way my fans expect." He intends to write further books after his recent autobiography *Bonus of Laughter*.

Lib Dems await verdict

The High Court reserved judgment yesterday on a claim by the Liberal Democrats that they were deprived of the Devon and East Plymouth seat in the European elections in June when Richard Huggett, standing as a Literal Democrat, polled more than 10,000 votes. The Conservatives won the seat by 700 votes.

Hunt to cull 24 hounds that went for sheep

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

A HUNT in North Wales has decided to have 24 of its 70 hounds put down after they attacked a flock of sheep instead of the fox. The Masters of Foxhounds Association said last night that it would be the biggest cull of hounds in 50 years.

The incident occurred on October 30 during a foxhunt at Trefnant, Clwyd, when a pack of hounds belonging to the Flint and Denbigh Hunt went after some sheep and killed one.

"As with all domestic animals which show a tendency to worry, it is in their best interests, and that of the farmers over whose land the hunts carry out fox control by request and permission, that the hounds affected reluctantly should be put down, however distressing that should be," the hunt said.

Peter Voute, chief spokesman of the British Field Sports Society, said: "It is not uncommon for one or two hounds to be destroyed humanely from time to time for sheep worrying, but it is the first time in 50 years that a hunt has had to kill such a large number."

The League Against Cruel Sports said the incident had exposed the hollowness of the claim by huntsmen that they protected sheep by keeping down the fox population. John Bryant, wildlife officer, said: "Hunts always claim that their sport provides an invaluable service to sheep farmers, but the evidence is that farmers would be much better off without them.

"That the Flint and Denbigh Hunt are prepared to slaughter their hounds is typical of the flagrant disregard that huntsmen have for life. This attack was a criminal offence and not the fault of the dogs, but of the owners."

Last month the Masters of Deerhounds Association suspended the Devon and Somerset Staghounds for five weeks after the hunt took six minutes to kill a stag.

Hurd urges MPs to put constituents before cash

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

DOUGLAS Hurd issued a stark warning to MPs with external financial interests yesterday that they must put constituents first. "We in public life must be, and must be seen to be, above reproach," the Foreign Secretary told Tory party workers in Scotland.

Mr Hurd, one of the most respected figures in Parliament, said the prime responsibility of an MP "must be to represent his own convictions in the interests of his constituents, not to act on the interests of those who pay him an additional, extra-parliamentary salary."

Mr Hurd also said that the role of the political lobbyist should be redefined. "Some of our traditional ways of doing things need to be re-examined against a background of changing commercial and professional practices." However, he rejected the argument that MPs should give up all outside commercial interests.

"I am strongly against a House of Commons of full-time professionals, cut off from outside experience," he said. "MPs should have ideas and aspirations beyond Westminster. The sum of all human wisdom will not be found in the square mile around Big Ben."

He said he had no difficulty with MPs keeping part-time jobs as farmers, lawyers or businessmen. However, he hinted that the Government was looking favourably at proposed changes to the way Parliament worked, including the size of the Commons, "which is becoming too big to be effective".

In the same speech, delivered to the Perth and Kinross Conservative Association, Mr Hurd also said that he was concerned at the way journalists, "whether in print or on screen", had let their own standards slip. "There is too little independent judgment, too little objective description." He cited the "vinegary" coverage of the Queen's visit to Russia last month.

☐ The Association of British Editors yesterday condemned threats and "intemperate attacks" by members of the Government and Parliament.

The association, which represents national and regional papers, broadcasters and magazines, held its annual meeting in London. It urged editors to maintain their efforts to throw more light on the workings of the Government and its members.

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Woolworths killer had grabbed cash in four robberies

BY LUCY BERRINGTON AND RICHARD FORD

THE robber who stabbed a young assistant store manager to death on Thursday had struck four times at different branches of Woolworths including one raid just two hours before the killing, police disclosed yesterday.

As police appealed for witnesses to the killing of John Penfold, 21, senior managers of the Woolworths chain began an urgent review on the use of closed circuit television in their 788 stores.

Detective Superintendent Chris Burke, leading the hunt for the killer of Mr Penfold, said it was "crucial" that the man was found before he struck again.

None of the Woolworths stores where the attacks took place — all in west or south-west London — had security cameras, Mr Burke said. He thought the robber singled out Woolworths branches because "perhaps it's an easy hit". The search for the robber became a murder hunt after Mr Penfold, from Chessington, southwest London, was stabbed as he put coins into a till at the Teddington branch where he had been covering for a staff shortage.

A spokeswoman for Woolworths said that cameras had not been installed because it was a "friendly" branch in a quiet, safe area. "It is difficult to say what the cameras would have picked up if they were there. We don't know if they would have been in the right place." She said the company had not heard about Counter Action, a retailers' anti-crime initiative operating in the area.



John Penfold: "He was gentle and charming"

The man who stabbed Mr Penfold is described as white, in his mid-20s to early 30s, thin, with shoulder-length wavy dark hair. He is thought to have struck first in Hounslow at the end of August when £470 was snatched.

Almost two months later he returned to the store and grabbed £600. On November 1 he snatched cash from another branch in Uxbridge Road, Hayes, and only hours before killing Mr Penfold grabbed cash from a branch in Yiewsley High Street. Each store he raided did not have security cameras and the man used the same tactic each time of buying crisps or a newspaper so that the till would be opened.

After each robbery he escaped in a silver saloon car, thought to be either a Vauxhall or a Peugeot, driven by an accomplice.

The family of Mr Penfold spoke yesterday of their shock at the savagery of the killing. As members of the public placed flowers outside the store in Teddington, Mr Penfold's family and girlfriend were being comforted at home.

He lived with his parents and elder sister Karen at a semi-detached, pebble-dashed house on a quiet road in Chessington, where he held his twenty-first birthday party this summer.

Michael and Madeline Penfold, John's parents, were too distressed to talk but Brian and Cherrie Penfold, his uncle and aunt, who are both police constables at Kingston upon Thames, described their nephew as "a true gentleman".

Brian Penfold said: "John loved his job and had been there since he left school. The work was his life and it was a family tradition. His father is a manager for Sainsbury's.

"They are a very close family, they do everything together. John was a very quiet home-loving lad and loved to build model cars. His father and himself both used to spend a lot of time enjoying DIY at home. They're absolutely shell-shocked."

Mr Penfold said that 27 years in the police force had not prepared him for such grief. "You don't know that it hurts so much until it happens to you."

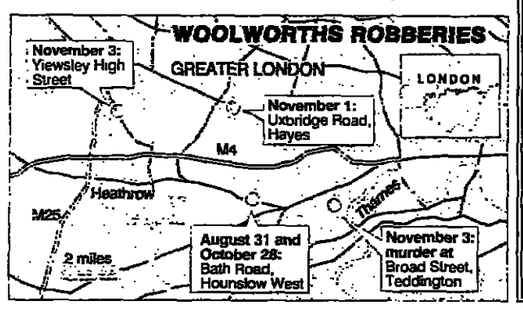
His wife, a policewoman for eight years, said John's parents were devastated despite their strong Methodist beliefs. "They are very bitter even though they have got their religion. I went round to see them last night and they just collapsed. The savageness of this crime, with literally no return, makes it all the more atrocious."

John Oborn, headmaster at Southborough Secondary School in Surbiton, where John Penfold was a pupil for six years, said: "I don't think he ever put a foot wrong. He was gentle and charming. If there was anybody to whom this should have happened, he was the last one."

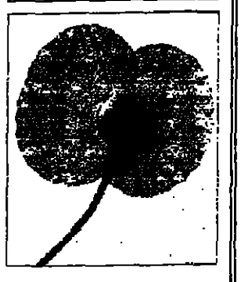


JULIAN HERBERT

Flowers outside Woolworths in Teddington where the killer struck. The store is not fitted with security cameras



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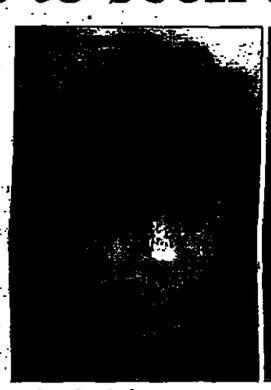
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Pressure drives Bulger parents to seek divorce

BY KATE ALDERSON



Denise Bulger: wants matter kept private



Ralph Bulger: gone away on his own

THE parents of James Bulger have separated and are consulting solicitors about divorce because of the strain of the two years since their son's murder, family members and friends said last night.

Denise, 26, and Ralph Bulger, 27, whose second son Michael was born last December, have struggled in recent months to keep their marriage alive but are now living apart.

Ralph's brother, James Bulger, said yesterday: "The whole family is heartbroken for them. I saw Ralph about two days ago and he was destroyed. He has gone away on his own to come to terms with this." A close family friend said: "They tried to stay together but the unbelievable pressures on them led to the breakdown."

The couple went to Australia for a holiday last month in an attempt to patch up their marriage but Mr Bulger left the family home a week ago and has consulted solicitors. Mrs Bulger held discussions with Sean Sexton, the family solicitor, yesterday. Last night Mr Sexton said: "This whole thing is very sad. But Denise wants to keep this a private matter and she doesn't want to make an issue out of it."

Jon Venables and Robert Thompson, both aged 11, were convicted of murdering two-year-old James on Merseyside in February last year. Mr and Mrs Bulger have campaigned to ensure that his killers are detained within the penal system for the whole of their lives. In January the couple learnt that the trial judge had recommended that the killers serve a minimum of eight years.

Mr and Mrs Bulger said at the time through Mr Sexton that the sentence recommendation had come as a "terrible blow". They appealed to Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to listen to public opinion when considering the minimum term. In June Mr Howard increased the recommended minimum to 15 years.

The Bulgers received donations totalling £173,000 from well-wishers all over the world. The fund was officially closed in February and the couple are believed to have donated more than half to community projects, including children's playgrounds, on Merseyside.

After James's death Mr and Mrs Bulger moved from their tower block flat in Kirkby to a new detached home, using some of the money donated to them.

When Michael was born Mrs Bulger said: "We are three again. Michael has given us hope. Having him is more than we dared expect this terrible year."

Abducted children go home

BY PAUL WILKINSON

TWO children abducted by their father while he was on the run from prison were due to be reunited with their mother last night. She was waiting at her home in Humberside for the return of her six-year-old son and four-year-old daughter who disappeared nearly two weeks ago.

They were found safe and well after an 11-hour siege at a holiday cottage in west Wales. The 26-year-old mother said: "I feel fantastic, really on top of the world. I can't believe it is over. During the last 12 hours I have been very anxious but the police have been brilliant, keeping me well-informed throughout.

"I knew I would get the children back, I always knew in my heart I would, but I didn't know when, how or in what circumstances. It was a big worry."

The High Court issued an injunction yesterday forbidding the publication of any information that might identify the children, who have been made wards of court.

Sex video woman 'had royal affair'

BY CATHERINE MILTON

THE Iranian millionairess in the sex video blackmail trial had an affair with King Fahd of Saudia Arabia, it was claimed yesterday.

The woman, identified only as Mrs S, begged the judge to stop defence counsel questioning her about the alleged relationship and her accusation that a man had tried to blackmail her about it. When the questioning began she turned to the judge and said: "My lord, I got into a contract. I can't talk about my private life. I can't breach my contract."

Mrs S, 43, was being cross-examined in the trial at the Old Bailey of Abdulmajeed Bembehani, 61, a Kuwaiti businessman and property developer. He denies blackmail by threatening to circulate video films of Mrs S having sex with him unless she paid him £2 million.

On Thursday the court was shown long extracts from the films, which Mr Bembehani says were made "for fun" with Mrs S's consent.

Yesterday the court was told that a former employee of Mrs S, referred to as Nico, had also demanded £2 million from her in May last year. Edward Lawson, QC, for the defence, said that Nico had threatened to publish a book containing damaging revelations about her business and personal life.

Mr Lawson said: "Nico claimed that he was going to make references to your relationship with Fahd, isn't that right?" He added: "King Fahd. It was King Fahd to whom he was referring."

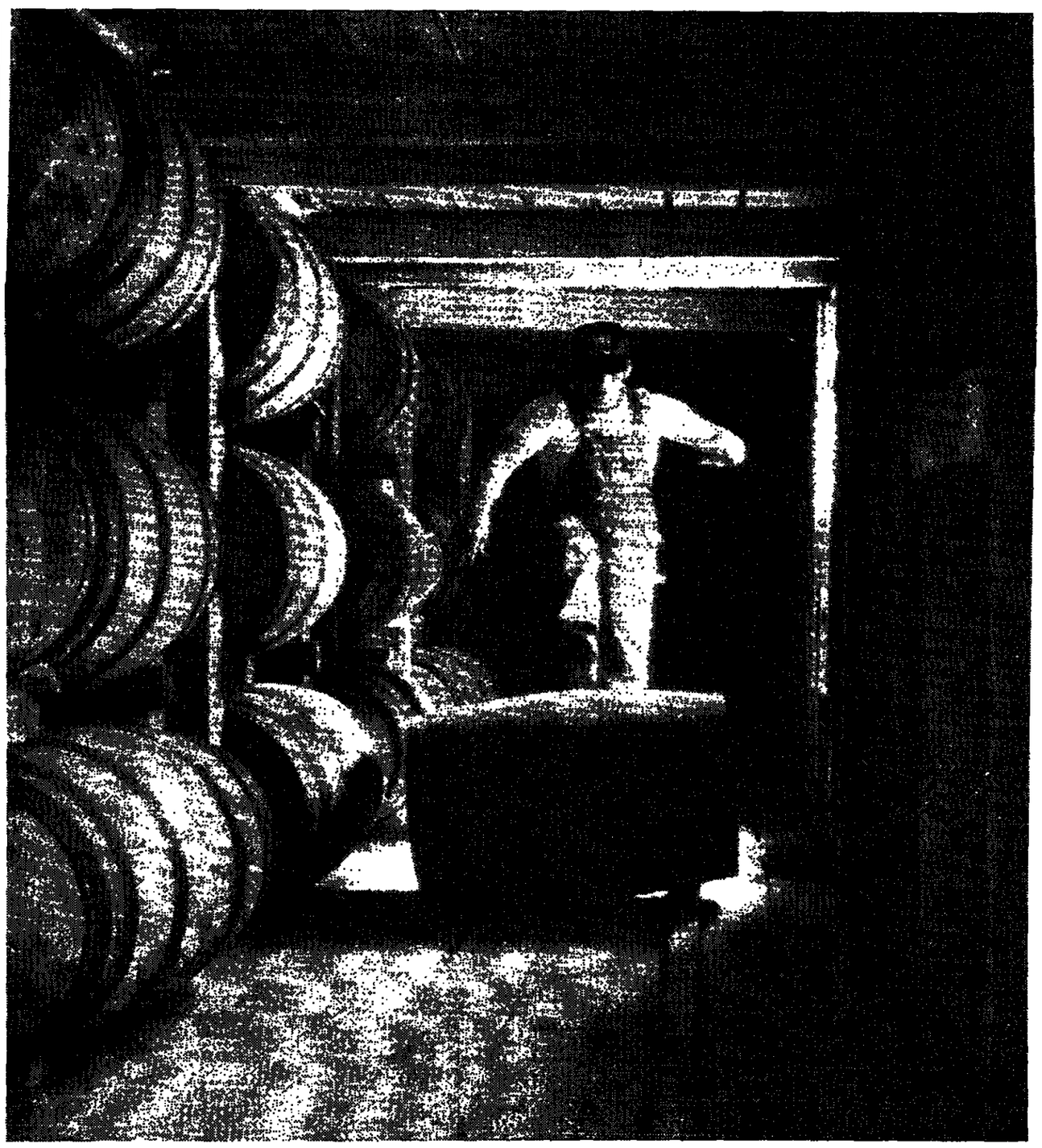
When Mrs S then protested to the judge Mr Lawson agreed to leave the matter for the time being.

Mr Lawson also accused Mrs S of making up stories about an admirer, a Sheik Mohammed, who offered to pay her £1 million if she would sleep with him. Mrs S said she had never been tempted by such an offer and the whole story was untrue. She asked the jury: "Do you think any fool would give me £1 million to go to bed with him?"

She also rejected the suggestion that she had plotted to kill Mr Bembehani, a diabetic, by interfering with his insulin.

When Mrs S was asked by Mr Lawson about a film that allegedly showed Mr Bembehani wearing red-feathered knickers while engaging in sex acts with a woman doctor, she said that an Arab boy had offered to sell her the video. She agreed that the boy had told her the pair were indulging in "boudoir gymnastics".

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Club steward called out by police avoids B-test ban

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A GOLF club steward who was breathalysed by police after he drove 300 yards from his home to help them check the clubhouse for intruders escaped a driving ban yesterday.

Graham Cox, 49, admitted being twice over the legal limit but magistrates accepted he had a "special reason" for driving in that condition and decided not to disqualify him. He was fined £270 with £40 costs and given seven penalty points.

The court at Pickering, North Yorkshire, was told that Mr Cox drove to the Malton and Norton Club premises after a late evening call last August from their alarm company. He arrived minutes before probationer PC Rebecca Bettison, 22, and together they checked the outside of the clubhouse where a window was open.

PC Bettison told the court she noticed that Mr Cox was "a little wobbly" and smelt of alcohol. After they had finished she demanded that he take a breath test. WPC Bettison, who at the time had served for only 17 months, said: "We just missed catching the burglars. Mr Cox helped me search the place inside and out but I felt I had to deal with a drunken man as well as a burglar and radioed for help."

She agreed that she asked him to drive his car across a doorway so that nobody could escape. "It was after all this I asked him to give a breath test. He seemed very unsteady on his feet and it took him quite a while to find his keys. I could smell drink on him," she said.

Cox said: "I had only drunk four or five cans of lager and never gave driving a second thought. I went to assist the police and in no way was I drunk or staggering around. When she asked me to take the breath test it came as some surprise. Until that moment I hadn't even considered the question of alcohol."

Cox told the court that when he got the emergency call he felt he had to get to the clubhouse as quickly as possible.

"It never entered my head to walk there or call a taxi," he said. "I was very surprised when I was arrested after turning out to assist the police." Peter Lawrence, for the defence, asked the magistrates to consider the circumstances and quoted several cases of leniency for people who had been drinking and decided to drive in an emergency.

Jill Popham, for the Crown Prosecution Service, said that Mr Cox had alternative means of getting to the clubhouse only 300 yards from his home in Norton.

Cox said afterwards: "Justice has been done. I only drove 300 yards — half of that along a private road to the clubhouse. When you are called out to help the police you don't hang about."

Acting Superintendent Keith Bowskill said Cox must have known he was over the legal limit. "The emergency situation was for the police, not the keyholder. Very often officers have to wait up to half an hour for a keyholder to arrive at the scene of a break-in. Mr Cox could have had an accident and someone could have been killed."

Mr Bowskill said that the incident had not soured relations with the club. "I have received no complaints about our action with the steward from club members."



Graham Cox, with his wife Lana: "I was very surprised when I was arrested after turning out to assist the police"

Drink-drivers may go free as force cuts costs

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

DRUNKEN drivers in South Wales may escape prosecution as part of a series of measures outlined by the Chief Constable to cut a projected overspend of £2.8 million.

Robert Lawrence also says that savings of £700,000 could be made in transport costs but the result would be that the force would barely be able to answer emergency calls. Other options he oulines include reducing telephone calls, sacking civilian staff with less then two years' service and reducing building repairs.

His most controversial option is to cut £200,000 from the forensic science budget with the result that suspected drink-drivers exercising their right for a blood or urine test could not be charged. He says in a report to the police authority: "The quality of criminal investigations would be greatly impoverished and samples from drivers suspected of having consumed alcohol could not be analysed."

Other options include savings of £200,000 on equipment purchases, although that would compromise safety standards; £415,000 on telephone calls and maintenance, which would allow few calls to be made; £400,000 on building maintenance; £140,000 on training and £200,000 from the new technology budget.

Mr Lawrence has been ordered by the police authority to produce a range of options to cut the projected £2.8 million overspend on the annual budget of £133 million. The various options match the savings required.

The far-reaching measures are clearly an attempt to bring home to members of the authority the seriousness of the financial position facing the South Wales force of 3,100.

Yesterday David Maclean, the Home Office minister responsible for the police, demanded that the local authorities of South, West and Mid Glamorgan provide adequate funding for the force. He said: "It would help in South Wales if the three county councils forming the police authority funded the police to the level the authority has requested."

Mr Lawrence's report says that the force's performance is already suffering considerably from the restrictions in place since the start of the year. "These include lengthy delays in reaching the scenes of crimes, including burglaries and road accidents, as well as occasions when the number of officers on duty was clearly inadequate to deal with the demands placed upon them."

A statement from the force said that Mr Lawrence's report would be presented to the authority on Thursday and it was inappropriate to discuss its contents before then.

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Executives turn to petty theft in hotels

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

BUSINESS executives become petty criminals when travelling, routinely taking shampoo, soap, pens, coat hangers and even books from their hotel rooms.

According to a Europe-wide survey of business travel by OAG travel guides, 65 per cent of travellers take shampoo, 62 per cent remove soap, 60 per cent walk off with pens and 33 per cent steal magazines and books, including Bibles left by the Gideons.

Women are more likely to help themselves than men, according to 1,200 frequent travellers interviewed for the Business Travel Lifestyle Survey and the younger the executive the more likely they are to remove things.

When they are not working, or taking goodies, 16 per cent head for the nightlife but 60 per cent stay in and watch television. Only 22 per cent take exercise or indulge in sport.

Women are more likely to stay in their hotel than men with 69 per cent of those questioned reading a book or watching television. 55 per cent working and 54 per cent using leisure facilities.

Millions of unredeemed frequent flyer points are being built up by regular travellers and could create a severe problem for airlines in the future, the report says.

Guidelines on violent assaults reviewed

BY OUR HOME CORRESPONDENT

NEW guidelines on what counts as violence in a criminal offence are to be reviewed after fears that incidents involving minor injuries are not being considered seriously by police and prosecutors.

David Maclean, a junior Home Office minister, disclosed yesterday that guidelines introduced two months ago are to be looked at again after complaints by some chief constables.

Under the regulations issued by the Crown Prosecution Service, giving someone a black eye would be a common assault rather than assault occasioning actual bodily harm. It would be treated as a civil dispute and not recorded in official crime figures.

Mr Maclean told the annual Crime Concern conference in London: "Some police forces are concerned that they have not got it right."

He disclosed the review after a local councillor attacked the changes. David Joynes, of Oldham Metropolitan Council, said two parents had complained about an attack on a 14-year-old girl which had resulted in no criminal charges. "Although there were witnesses they were told to seek redress through a private summons." Mr Joynes said the changes harmed the poor, who would be unable to afford a private summons.

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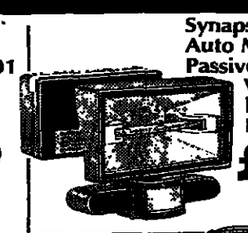


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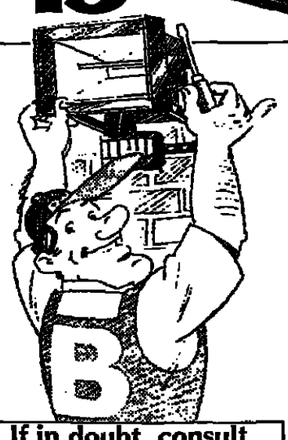
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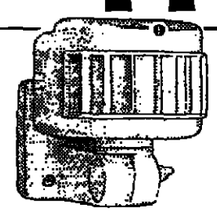
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Comment on Prince's marriage banned as inappropriate

General orders pulping of forces newspaper for criticising royals

BY ROGER BOYES, IN BONN, AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE commander of British forces in Germany ordered thousands of copies of the weekly Army newspaper to be pulped yesterday after it printed a comment column criticising the Prince and Princess of Wales over their break-up of their marriage.

The censorship order came from Major-General Scott Grant, commander-in-chief of UK Support Command (Germany), successor to the British Army of the Rhine. He ruled that criticism of members of the royal family was "inappropriate" for an official newspaper written for servicemen and women who owed allegiance to the Crown.

The offending article appeared in the forces' newspaper, *Sixth Sense*, which was published yesterday for the first time in a new tabloid format.

Geraldine Dutton, the civilian editor who took over six months ago, received a telephone call from General Grant ordering her to recall as many copies as possible and to replace the comment with something less controversial. An advertisement appeared in the editions that were subsequently released for sale.

The editorial, which was a new comment column under the *nom de plume* of Jessie Jones, criticised the Duke of Edinburgh as well as the Prince and Princess of Wales and asked readers whether they cared about the break-up of the marriage. They were invited to write in after the revelations in the biography of the Prince by Jonathan Dimbleby.

The column was headed "Right Royal Wally" and said: "If Charles and Di want to get into a slanging match over who loved whom that's their affair. I simply don't give a hoot... if Prince Philip bullied Charles, who cares? Not me that's for sure. Thank God I'm not a Royal Mum."

A spokesman for General Grant, whose regiment is The Queen's Lancashire Regiment, said: "This editor has been in place for only six months and has not yet adapted to the military way of thinking. While soldiers and officers can read about the royal family in other publications, the general thought it wasn't right for the in-house newspaper to join the debate."

General Grant was said to be annoyed that the article appeared only days after the headquarters in Mönchengladbach played host to the Prince of Wales, who took the salute at a farewell parade for the British Army of the Rhine.

General Grant's spokesman said the British military authorities should be regarded as the proprietor of the paper and they therefore had the right to determine its contents. The general had never intervened before but felt that such commentary was not within the brief of the newspaper billed as the "official" voice of the British Army.

Miss Dutton, a former editor of a local newspaper in Britain, has been praised for revamping *Sixth Sense* into a more attractive and newsy paper. Her brief had been to convert it into a tabloid to stop a drastic decline in circulation, prompted by the steady withdrawal of British troops from Germany.

The newspaper, which was founded more than 20 years ago, is in competition with a commercially run paper, the *Forces Weekly Echo*, also aimed at British servicemen.

Miss Dutton, who will remain as editor of *Sixth Sense*, said yesterday that, if nothing else, the drastic step taken by General Grant should have boosted circulation. Soldiers were snapping up the weekly even though the offending column had been removed.

CHRIS HARRIS



Ffyona Campbell, who completed her round-the-world walk last month, unveiling a poster hoarding in central London yesterday to launch a campaign for tribal peoples. Miss Campbell's pose echoed hands from Bushman art in southern Africa, recreated by Survival International.

Soldiers given LSD in Porton Down trial

BY MICHAEL EVANS

BRITISH soldiers were given the hallucinogenic drug LSD in the 1960s as part of research into chemical warfare, it was confirmed yesterday. The tests were carried out to see if use of the drug by an enemy could rob personnel of the will to fight.

The disclosure came from Graham Pearson, director-general of Porton Down, the Ministry of Defence's chemical and biological defence centre in Wiltshire. Dr Pearson gave the information in a letter to David Clark, Labour's defence spokesman, who had asked if British soldiers had been given LSD tablets. Similar tests involving American soldiers have been well documented.

Dr Pearson said it was decided at the time that the drug was too expensive, impractical and unpredictable. He wrote: "The work carried out at Porton Down was solely to determine what protective measures were appropriate and was largely concerned in assessing the effects of LSD on troops in a military setting. All volunteers were subjected to stringent medical and psychological screening.

"The assessment was made that... it [LSD] was immensely expensive and would be difficult to disseminate further. As the effects were not highly predictable, the conclusion was reached that LSD would not present a significant battlefield hazard."

Dr Clark praised Porton Down's openness and hoped the MoD would follow its example on other issues, such as the effect on British servicemen of witnessing nuclear bomb tests. However, he said the revelation raised important questions, including whether the troops involved in the LSD tests were truly volunteers, as claimed, whether they received excessive doses, and whether they suffered any long-term psychological or physical side-effects.

He said: "The British troops and their families need to know the facts behind the experiments."

Army spends £5m to preserve plain

BY OUR DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Army is to spend £5 million on restricting environmental damage caused by military training on Salisbury Plain, which is to increase to cater for the troops being withdrawn from Germany.

Salisbury Plain, which comprises some of the most beautiful chalk grasslands in Western Europe, is also threatened by new weapon systems and the growing number of home-based units equipped with heavy tracked and wheeled vehicles.

Yesterday the Army announced a three-year plan formed after a study begun in July last year. The plan includes long-term satellite monitoring of the area to check the condition of the ground. The Army is also setting up a "more responsive" management body, which will restrict or cancel training if there is a danger of great environmental damage.

Salisbury Plain is the only area in Britain where the Army can conduct armoured manoeuvre training, using Challenger tanks, Warrior combat fighting vehicles and heavy artillery such as the multi-launch rocket system, used for the first time in the Gulf War, and the new AS90 self-propelled gun.

About 100 miles of stone tracks for heavy vehicles have been laid across the plain and another 112 miles are planned over the next three years. Army mud-clearing teams are to be given four specialised vehicles that can work up to 24 hours a day. Major General Robert McAfee, director-general of army training, said: "To maintain an effective army we have to train. However, we are determined to do this with the minimum impact on the environment."

There are 41 farms in the Salisbury Plain training area, which covers nearly 35,000 acres and is a habitat for many rare plants, butterflies and birds. The public is allowed to walk across it when it is safe and the firing of the new AS90 gun has already led to complaints.

The report published yesterday after the one-year study said that as training intensified "increasing conflict" was likely with agriculture and conservation.

Cable fault spotted on Queen's plane

AN RAF mechanic spotted a fault on a VC10 shortly before the Queen was due to board for a flight to Cyprus, it was disclosed yesterday (Michael Evans writes).

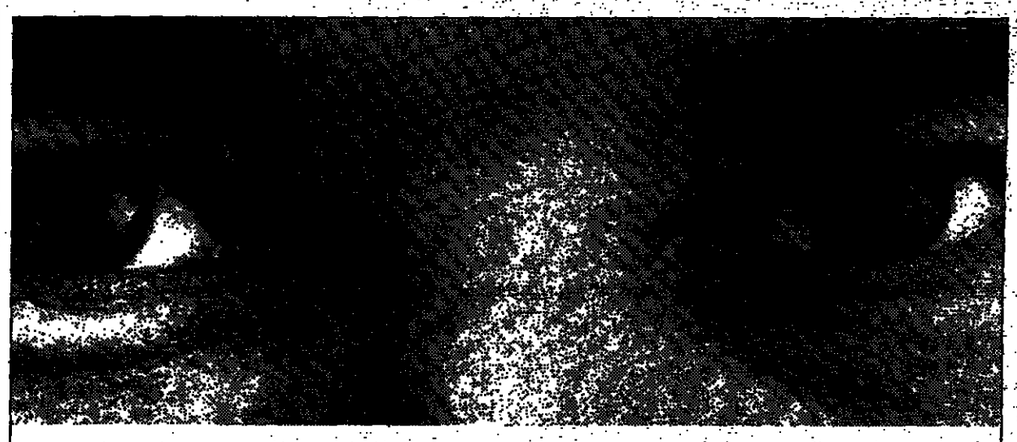
Senior Aircraftman Mark Crosby, 20, was giving the aircraft a last check at RAF Brize Norton, Oxfordshire, before the Queen attended the Commonwealth heads of government conference. He noticed that a cable connected to the tail fin, which controls height while flying, was badly damaged and about to break.

All 24 VC10s at Brize Norton were immediately grounded for checks and repairs. Another was found to have a similar fault.

The cable on the Queen's plane was replaced and she boarded the same aircraft for her trip to Cyprus. The VC10 was not part of the Queen's Flight.

The incident in October last year has come to light because SAC Crosby has been given an award for his "exceptional initiative, presence of mind and forward thinking".

Flight Lieutenant David Farman, a spokesman at Brize Norton, said: "The fault was in an area where it might not have been expected. Thankfully Mark spotted the cable was badly worn. It had been rubbing against a panel and was halfway through and could have snapped. The fault would not have made the plane crash. It would have been picked up at the next routine inspection."



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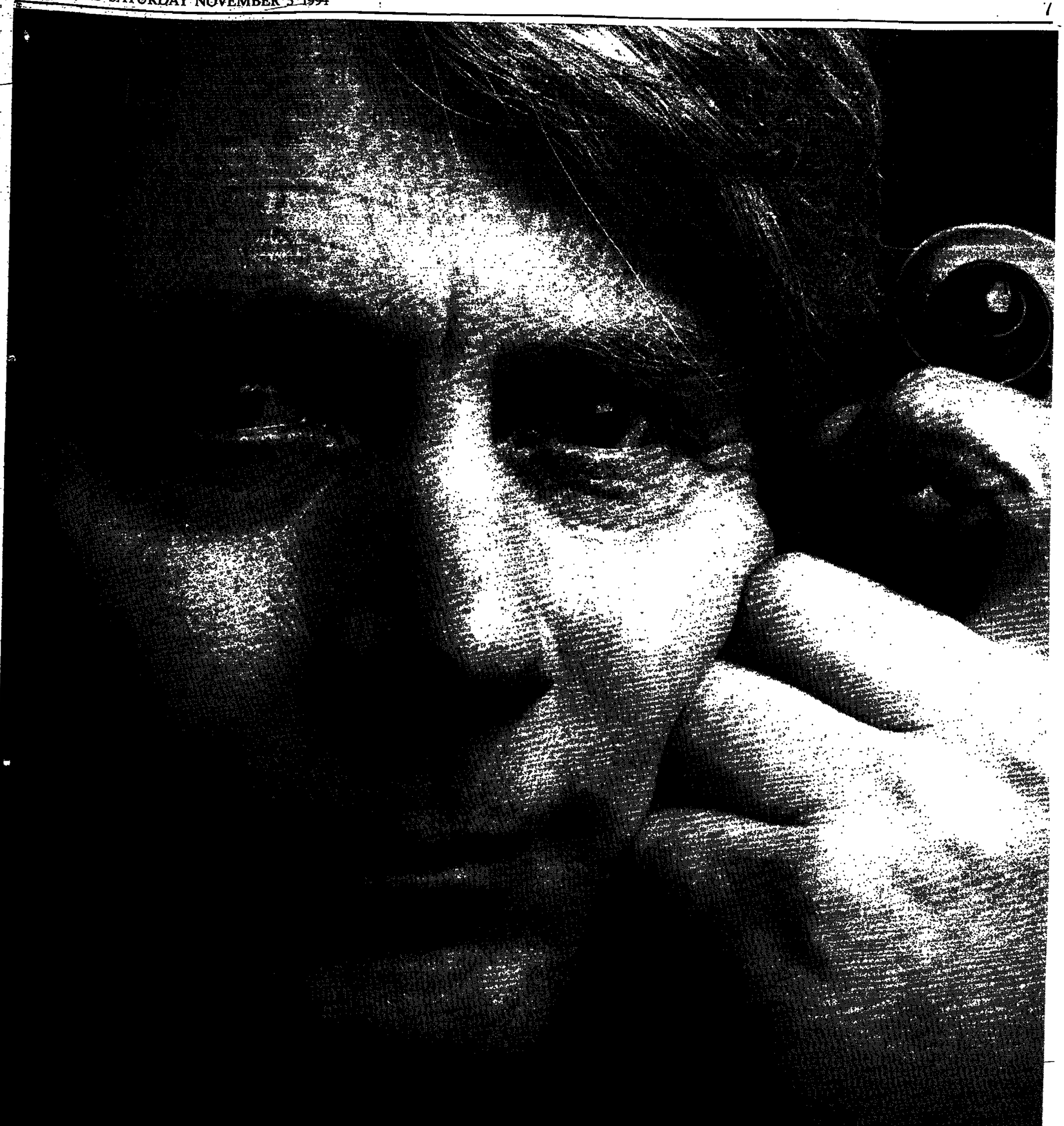
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Families reject Romanian claim that tourist caused helicopter accident

Briton in air crash blamed for deaths

BY HARVEY ELLIOT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

THE families of six Britons who died in a holiday helicopter crash have refused to accept the findings of a Romanian air accident investigation which says that one of their party was to blame.

According to the Romanian authorities, 22-year-old Jason Norton stood up in the Alouette helicopter as it flew on a sightseeing trip over Dracula's castle in Transylvania. As he did so he accidentally shut the fuel supply valve and the aircraft plunged more than 100 feet to the ground, killing all on board. Photographs allegedly taken at the time actually show him doing so, the Romanians say.

But last night solicitors representing surviving relatives criticised the report. Stephen Duddell said: "The families are very distressed. They consider that the report raises more questions than it purports to answer and they find the statement that the accident was caused by the involuntary action of one of the passengers impossible to accept."

He wanted to know many more details, including whether there were any safety harnesses in use. "The only evidence on which the conclusion is reached appears to be the set of photographs in the possession of the Romanian authorities. The families have not seen these photographs, despite requests for the return of the cameras which were in the possession of the deceased. They hope and expect that the Foreign Office and the Romanian authorities will assist in the production of the evidence."

Sorin Stoicescu, chief inspector of civil aviation in the Romanian Transport Ministry, said: "Jason Richard Norton was found by our commission to have caused the crash. He was sitting on the front chair near the pilot, stood up and accidentally closed the lever supplying the engine with fuel."

He said the inquiry by the Romanian Civil Aviation Authority had evidence from the helicopter manufacturer, videotapes and photographs which he said showed Mr Norton falling on the lever.

"All the evidence is in the file, well preserved, according to international laws. We cannot tamper with such things," Mr Stoicescu said. Copies of the report, which is several hundred pages long, had been lodged with the Transport Ministry and prosecutors.



Wreckage of the Alouette helicopter in which six Britons and a Romanian died

The Britons who died were Enid Whitecombe, 62; her daughter and son-in-law Janet Smith, 38, and Derek Smith, 43; their daughter Nicole, 18, and her partner Justin Marrah, 19; and Jason Norton, all from Bristol.

With three other members of the family including Nicole and Justin's baby son they had gone to Romania for a skiing holiday. Jason's girlfriend, the baby and his grandfather had remained behind while the other six hired the helicopter for a 15-minute flight around the mountains.

After the crash rumours began circulating in Romania — and printed in the local press — that the helicopter's pilot, 41-year-old Sorin Parse, wanted to commit suicide. But this was strongly denied by the company.

Last night Mr Norton's relatives also reacted angrily to the allegations.

At his home at Westbury on Trym, Bristol, his father Alan said: "It is totally unacceptable and I am very distressed. The way the report came out was like a bolt from the blue."

Justin's mother said she was shocked to learn that Jason was being blamed for the accident. "This is disgusting. We do not believe it. We think it is a load of rubbish and I am not prepared to accept it," Kay Marrah said at her home in Southmead, Bristol.



Jason Norton: blamed

Ferry halts export of livestock by 'cynical hauliers'

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

FARMERS' leaders called yesterday for urgent action to save a £200 million export trade in live animals after the last big cross-Channel ferry company suspended livestock cargoes.

Brittany Ferries said the ban would take effect from midnight tonight because exporters had "cynically disregarded" its code of conduct. Sir David Naish, president of the National Farmers Union, will meet William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister, on Monday to press for measures against road hauliers who ignore animal welfare rules.

"It is deplorable that some hauliers have deliberately flouted the rules in spite of warnings given earlier by Brittany Ferries," Sir David said. "Their greed for short-term gain has endangered the long-term viability of other law-abiding businesses."

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals welcomed the latest ban and said that animals should be slaughtered in Britain and exported as carcasses.

Brittany Ferries stopped carrying livestock for immediate slaughter more than two months ago but had continued to take sheep and calves destined for fattening on French farms no further south than the Loire Valley. Ian Carruthers, managing director, said: "I am saddened and shocked by the total disregard the majority of livestock exporters have shown for the code. Basically they have misled us about the destination of the animals in their care."

Stena Sealink stopped taking livestock on September 1 and P&O, the biggest carrier, followed suit on October 1. With Brittany Ferries, which had about 10 per cent of the trade, they carried virtually all the 500,000 calves and 1.9 million sheep exported to the Continent last year.

All three companies have said they will reconsider their bans only if European Union governments agree to limit slaughterhouse journeys and improve the treatment of animals during transport. Attempts to reach such an agreement collapsed in Luxembourg late last month.

Mr Waldegrave said yesterday: "This shows yet again why we need a Europe-wide [animal welfare] system which is properly enforced and which is what we have been trying to get."

A cargo of 3,000 sheep was taken from Grimsby to Calais in a chartered carrier last weekend. Attempts to export calves by air have been less successful.

Gummer turns down superstore

BY ANJANA AHUJA

OPPOSITION to out-of-town superstores received a boost yesterday when John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, rejected an application by Safeway to build one near Andover, Hampshire. This week the Commons environment committee said that high streets were being harmed by out-of-town shopping.

Safeway's plans for a superstore, dry cleaner's, coffee shop, petrol station and car park outside the town had been turned down by Test Valley council. Mr Gummer rejected an appeal.

He noted "the potential inconvenience to people without cars" and said that the site did not meet his department's guidelines requiring that stores improve the "vitality and viability" of town centres.

An environment official said the MPs' report had no bearing on Mr Gummer's decision, which was in line with existing policy.

Nick Mundy, who represented Test Valley council at the appeal, said: "Our main concern was the effect the new store would have on the local shops."

Missing girl was bullied at school

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A SCHOOLGIRL who has been missing for three days is a victim of bullies, her mother said yesterday.

Anna Maneely, 12, had complained of being taunted about her new hairstyle and of being hit by a boy. She was worried about meeting a teacher to discuss her allegations when she slipped out of school on Wednesday.

Yesterday her mother, Yvonne Maneely, 42, of Leeds, pleaded for Anna to contact her. Police said they were increasingly concerned about her safety.

Mrs Maneely said that Anna was unhappy at Allerton Grange High School in Leeds, where she had been told off for wearing make-up. She did not get on with some of her teachers and wanted to move to a Roman Catholic school. Anna went home when she was asked to go to her tutor's office. Later she telephoned her mother at work and said that she was afraid of being hit again.

"She has never gone missing before," Mrs Maneely said. "It's tearing me apart. My worst fears are that she is with someone she doesn't want to be with. If anyone is harbouring her, please let her go."

Derek Haynes, Anna's headmaster, would not comment on the bullying claims.

Royal butler gives vow of silence

THE Duchess of York's former butler gave the High Court an undertaking yesterday not to reveal confidential information gained while working for the royal family.

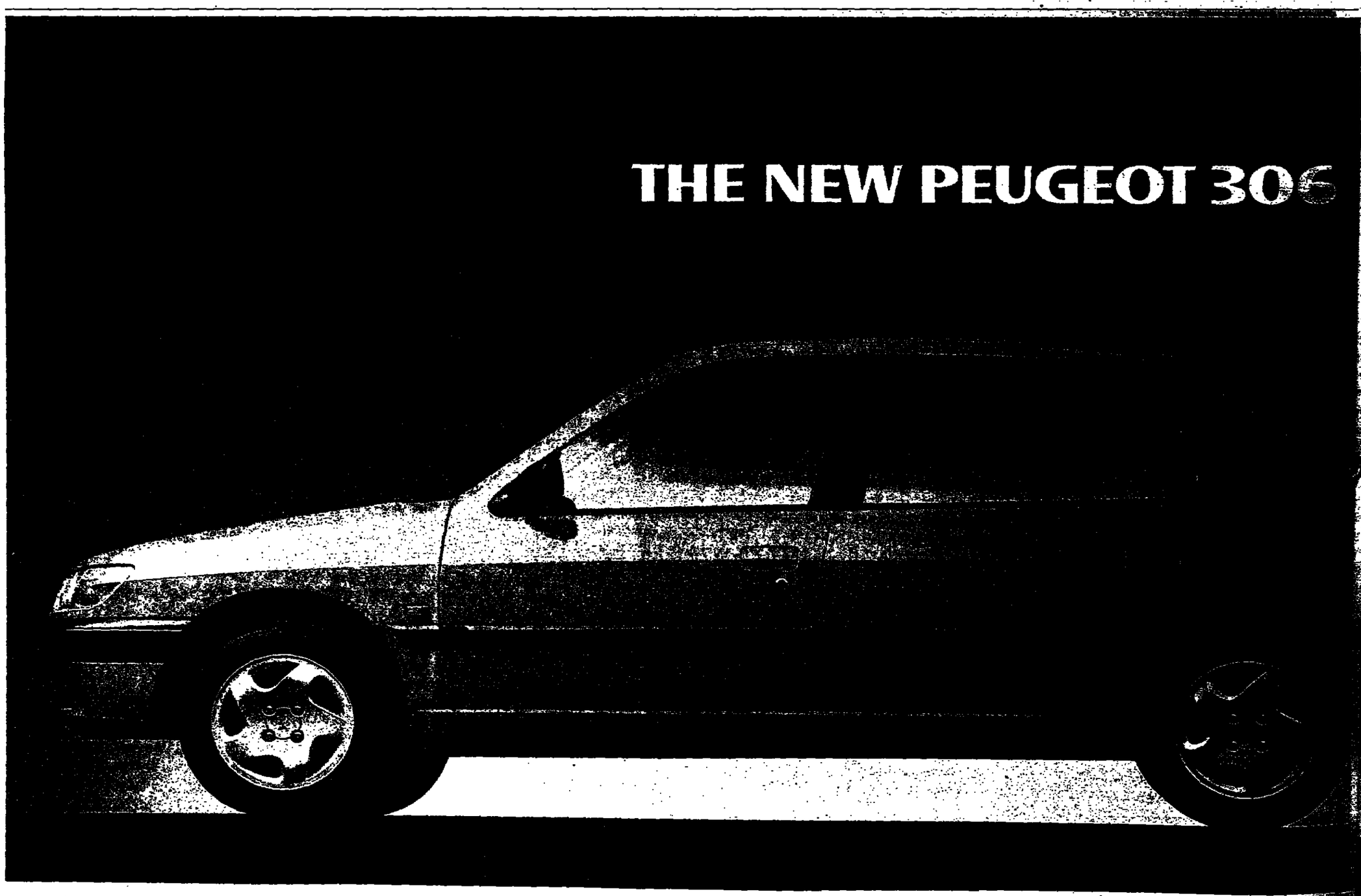
The undertaking came days after a temporary "gagging" injunction was obtained against 26-year-old Anthony Blackmore by the leading libel firm Peter Carter-Ruck.

Last weekend the *News of the World* published an article alleging that "Fergie's bathtime secrets" were being peddled by her former servant. The article said that Mr Blackmore, of Weston-super-Mare, Avon, wanted to "cash in" on his two years at the Duchess's home.

Yesterday Alasdair Pepper, a partner in Peter Carter-Ruck, said: "Mr Blackmore has undertaken to the court not to reveal any confidential information obtained as a consequence of his employment by either the Royal Household or a company called ASB Publishing until trial or further order."

He said that Mr Blackmore, who earlier denied any responsibility for any publications which had taken place, retained the right to ask the court to discharge the undertaking on his giving seven clear days' notice.

Mr Blackmore is planning to take the Duchess to an industrial tribunal alleging unfair dismissal.



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Killer flu epidemic 'threatens to take world by surprise'

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A GLOBAL epidemic of flu capable of killing millions of people is certain to occur but too little is being done to prepare for it, an American professor claims.

This century there have been five global epidemics, or pandemics, and the next one is overdue, according to Professor Robert Webster. The pandemic that began in Spain in 1918 claimed at least 20 million lives, more than were lost in the First World War.

Writing in the *British Medical Journal*, he says it is 26 years since the Hong Kong strain caused the 1968 pandemic and 17 years since the Russian strain caused the 1977 pandemic. "Historical records suggest that another pandemic is overdue. We are paying insufficient attention to this probable global event."

Professor Webster, head of the department of virology at St Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, said that more effort should be put into improving flu vaccines and planning how to supply them in the event of a pandemic. "Current preventive strategies could be expected to blunt the pandemic in only a few regions of the world."

Antiviral drugs would be of little use because drug resistance would emerge rapidly, making control of the pandemic unlikely. Further research was required to develop new antiviral drugs.

Professor Webster, who is director of the World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre in Memphis for studies on the ecology of flu in animals, said a new strain of flu that spread from ducks to pigs in Europe in 1979 was isolated from two children in The Netherlands in 1993. Six of its eight genes come from birds, source of the most serious flu strains, but humans are protected because it is contained in a protein "overcoat" to which most people have immunity.

"The rate of evolution of this strain is much higher than any other flu virus in the world," he said. "If it appeared with another overcoat, God knows what would happen."

In 1989, a new strain of flu virus broke out among horses in northwest China, killing one in five of them. In 1983, 16 million chickens were killed in the United States by fowl plague, a virulent strain of flu virus which is this year threatening the chicken industry in Mexico.

Evidence shows that flu viruses from birds and from humans can be transmitted to pigs where they may be "reassorted" to produce lethal new strains. Both of the Dutch children with the new strain of virus had had indirect contact with pigs. In China, source of the worst pandemics, large numbers of people live close to farm animals, including ducks and pigs.

"It is inevitable that another pandemic will happen but it is impossible to put a date on when it will occur," Professor Webster said. "In 1918 many of those who succumbed died of primary viral pneumonia. People say the 1918 pandemic will never occur again but it is not the case."

☐ The number of people being vaccinated against flu in Britain is "woefully inadequate", the chairman of the Government's advisory committee on flu said yesterday.

Dr Karl Nicholson, senior lecturer in infectious diseases at Leicester University, said that doctors were vaccinating too many "worried wells" and not doing enough to encourage high-risk groups, such as the elderly and sufferers from diabetes and heart disease, to come forward. "There are up to 10 million high-risk people in Britain and only about 4.5 million vaccines. Much time and effort is being wasted on immunising people not at high risk."

Doctor carries hepatitis virus

SCORES of hospital patients are to be tested after a doctor who operated on them was found to be a carrier of the hepatitis B virus.

Health chiefs in Calderdale, West Yorkshire, are contacting 131 people on whom the junior doctor performed surgery over the past 12 months. An advice line is being set up and a "drop-in" centre will be opened. The operations were done at Halifax General Hospital and the Royal Halifax Infirmary, part of Calderdale Health Care Trust. The doctor had worked there since August 1992 and is understood to have been unaware he was carrying the virus until he had a routine test. He stopped work and is now on leave.

Angela Schofield, the trust's chief executive, said: "Recalling patients is very much a precautionary measure. Research suggests the chances of any patient becoming infected is very low, but it is important to take all possible steps to make contact with the patients concerned to reassure them and assess their situation."

Dr Howard Barnes, West Yorkshire Health Authority's consultant in communicable disease control, said: "There should not be any cause for concern. There has been no increase in reported cases of hepatitis B in the last year." Most of the patients involved had already been contacted by letter and all GPs in the area notified. "Patients who have not received a letter have no cause for concern," he said.



The version of Arthur Hughes's "Ophelia" sold yesterday was unveiled at the first showing of Pre-Raphaelite works in London in 1857

Tragic Ophelia fetches £595,000

BY JOHN SHAW

ARTHUR Hughes's Pre-Raphaelite masterpiece "Ophelia" sold for £595,500 at Christie's in London yesterday at a £3.6 million sale of Victorian pictures.

The anonymous buyer's price was well above the pre-sale estimate of £250,000 to £350,000 and demonstrated the strong demand for Pre-Raphaelite pictures, two days after a Holman Hunt sold for £1.8 million at Sotheby's.

Hughes's painting shows Shakespeare's tragic heroine moments before her suicide and came from a private collection where it had been for 130 years. It was still in its original frame, inscribed in Gothic letters with the relevant text from *Hamlet*.

The best-known version of the picture is held by Manchester City Art Gallery. The version sold yesterday was unveiled at the first showing of Pre-Raphaelite works in London in 1857.

Yesterday's sale also included a version of Tissot's "L'Orpheline", for which a telephone buyer paid £1.02 million.

John William Waterhouse's "The Crystal Ball" sold for £221,500 to another telephone bid. An owner in the 1950s who disliked a skull in the original had it painted over. Recent tests showed that the alteration could be removed without damage.

Tycoon twins put a £25m price on privacy

BY ANDREW PIERCE

BUILDERS are working day and night to complete a £25 million mock gothic castle on an island in the Channel for the Barclay brothers.

The building work, known only as Project 95, has been the talk of the Channel Islands since David and Frederick Barclay bought Brecqhou, between Sark and Guernsey, 12 months ago.

The tycoons, who paid £2.3 million for the formerly uninhabited island without even seeing it, are determined to protect their privacy. Even the building contractors, 100 of whom live on the island, have signed contracts forbidding them to discuss their work with anyone, particularly members of the press.

The castle, with a central courtyard and towers, dominates the 80-acre plateau of land, which rises 200ft out of the sea. Residents in Sark and Guernsey train binoculars on the island hoping to catch a glimpse of the brothers who fly in by helicopter to check progress. But the building work is obscured from the sea by an earth bank, so the main object of interest remains unseen. A jetty has been built to enable materials to be landed by sea and floodlights have been installed so work can be continued at night.

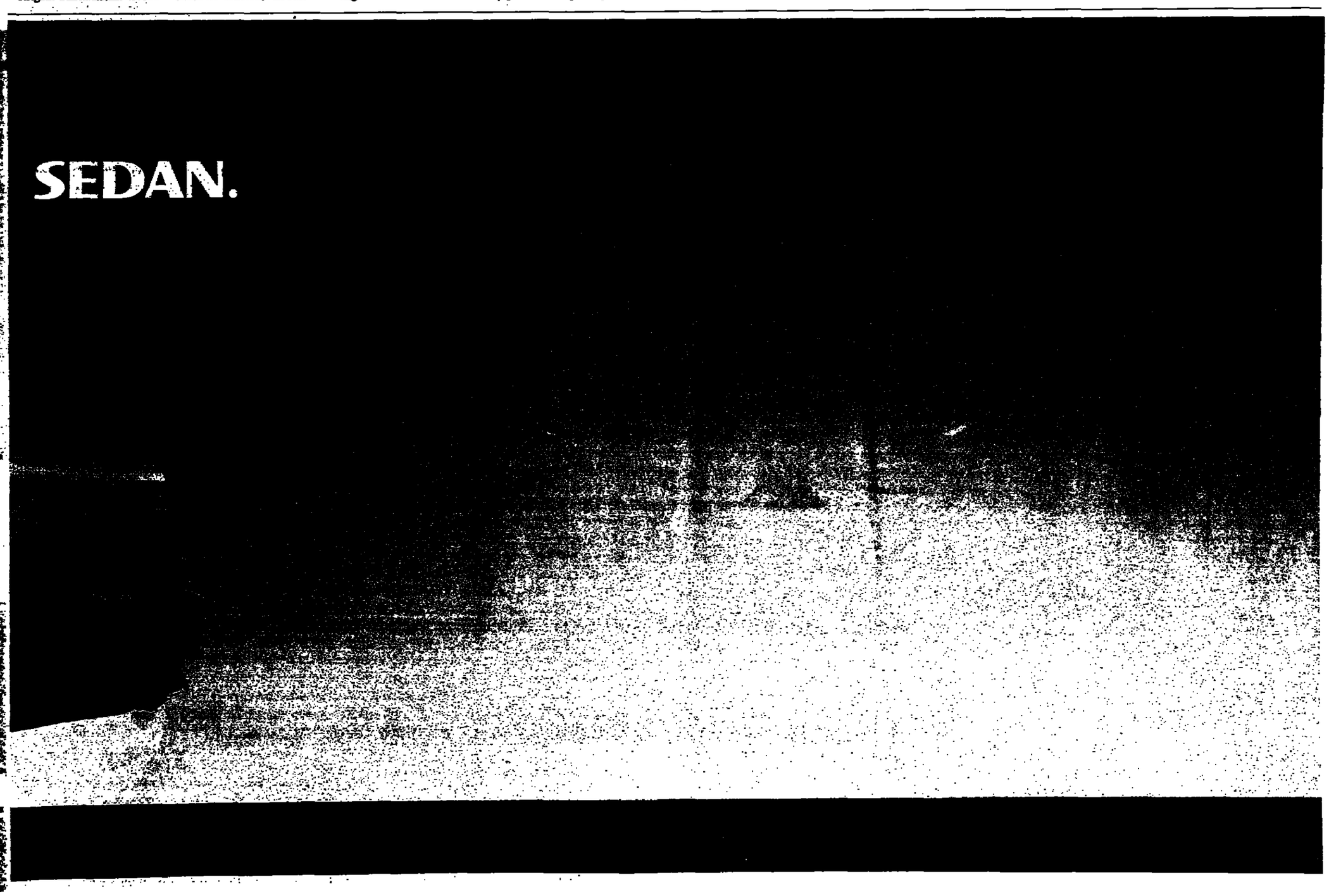
There is talk on Guernsey of a helicopter landing pad for the 56-year-old brothers. The building, which will be in keeping with Channel Island architecture, is being made entirely with granite shipped from Spain. The brothers, owners of *The European* newspaper and close friends of Baroness Thatcher, spend most of their time in Monte Carlo. But the castle will give them absolute privacy and no liability for British tax. There has even been wild talk of a casino and the brothers declaring an independent state.



General Griff Caldwell, the president of the Societé Guernesiaise, the island's influential conservation body, said: "This is the Channel Islands. There are lots of very rich people here who jealously guard their privacy.

"We will leave them alone to get on with their own lives. I must admit I am a little curious. But I don't suppose I will get an invitation to visit."

The brothers, whose only physical difference is, allegedly, that they part their hair on different sides, made their fortune in hotels, property and shipping. They are reputed to be worth £500 million.



Imported fireworks fill displays with danger

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

FOREIGN fireworks powerful enough to kill an adult and bangers capable of maiming have flooded into Britain after the lifting of import restrictions, safety campaigners say.

One of the most extreme examples is a Chinese "Jumping Fish" firework, which costs £150, contains up to 40kg (88lb) of gunpowder and sends a sheet of flame 100ft into the air. It is intended for professional displays but is being offered illegally by some dealers to the general public, according to Nigel Griffiths, shadow consumer affairs spokesman, and the National Campaign for Fireworks Reform.

As families stock up with fireworks for private displays around the country tonight, German bangers, 20 times more explosive than the British version, are now widely available in shops. Rockets with the strength of mini-mortars have been repackaged to look as though they were manufacturered in Britain and are being sold over the counter, the campaigners say.

Jumping jacks and other unpredictable flying fireworks banned here nearly 30 years ago are also on sale. Demands are being made for import controls to be reimposed immediately.

Last November the Government deregulated the industry, removing the need for import licences which had enabled officials to monitor the supply of fireworks. The Department of Trade and Industry says the change was part of a European initiative to enable free trade.

The reform campaign, a group of parents whose children have been injured by fireworks, says that deregulation has allowed firms to import all categories freely. Noel Tobin, campaign director, has called on the Government to pay compensation for anyone injured by a foreign firework. "These bangers and rockets can blow your arm off. It is frightening how easily children can get hold of them. Bangers from eastern Europe and the Far East can be bought by children from car boot sales and market stalls," he said.

Mr Griffiths said: "These German bangers are extremely dangerous and in Berlin on New Year's Day alone 1,000 people need hospital treatment because of them. I would like to see controls in this country reintroduced."

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents said foreign fireworks had potential to cause serious injury and consumers should buy only those fireworks that conformed to British Standard BS7114.

David Jenkins, the society's consumer safety consultant, said: "Buying substandard goods is a false economy and could end up costing you a lot more than money." Last year the number of people injured by fireworks was the highest for 20 years, with 1,058 people needing hospital treatment. John Woodhead, sales director of Standard Fireworks in Huddersfield — one of the largest manufacturers in Britain — and spokesman for the Firework Makers' Guild, said he would welcome the reintroduction of import licences.

The Trade Department has warned retailers that it is illegal for them to sell "category four" fireworks to anyone other than professional display organisers. A spokeswoman said: "We have stringent controls over the sale and use of fireworks in this country and all fireworks on sale to the general public must conform to British Safety standards."

☐ An effigy of Major James Hewitt, 25 feet tall and packed with hundreds of fireworks, will be burnt "for treason" tonight on the Guy Fawkes bonfire at Edenbridge, Kent. The decision to burn the effigy alongside the traditional Guy was taken by a unanimous vote of members of the Edenbridge Bonfire Association after Major Hewitt's claim of an affair with the Princess of Wales.

☐ Standard is developing rockets and bangers that do not contain gunpowder. The company says that the fireworks, which contain a mixture based on a resin dough, will be safer and cheaper that traditional varieties and should be available next year.

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Gang aimed at police van

A GANG of youths aimed fireworks at a police van on a Merseyside housing estate, a court was told yesterday.

The officers had been called out early on November 4 last year after residents in the Catford Green area of Speke complained about the gang letting off fireworks near vehicles. The group ran into a block of flats, Brendan Carville, for the prosecution, told Liverpool Crown Court. Six of them then emerged and fired a further volley of fireworks at the police.

James Ryan, 17, David Roberts, 22, and his brother John, 19, all of Speke, admitted affray. They were each ordered to carry out 60 hours' community service and put on probation for a year. The judge, Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny, said the police had a hard enough job without such "disgraceful behaviour".



Bonfire night injuries are increasing. More than 1,000 people were hurt last year

Shipyard closure blamed for death

A SHIPYARD worker hanged himself when he was made redundant by Swan Hunter in Newcastle upon Tyne after working there for 31 years.

John Carr, 59, served as a fitter and maintenance electrician. In November last year he became one of more than 2,000 workers made redundant since the yard went into receivership six months earlier. The last ship to be built in Swan's 134-year history, the type 23 frigate HMS *Richmond*, left the Wallsend yard on Thursday.

An inquest in Newcastle yesterday heard that John Carr, 36, of Solihull, West Midlands, found his father hanging by a rope from the beams of an attic at his home in Newcastle five months after he was made redundant.

Julie Milne, 29, told the hearing that her father had started to worry about his future and prospects. She said: "He began to worry about money, payments on his car and things in general. He felt his life was on a downward spiral."

Leonard Coyle, the coroner, recorded a verdict that Mr Carr had taken his own life while depressed. He said: "I am satisfied that the main cause was the loss of his job at Swan Hunter. Although there was genetic depression there, this was the thing that pushed him. This was a job he had enjoyed for more than 30 years."

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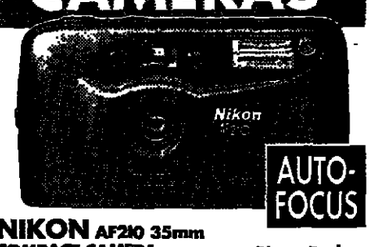
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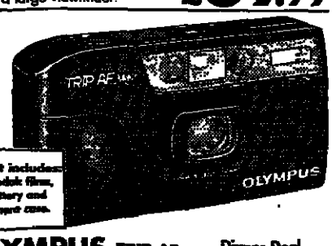
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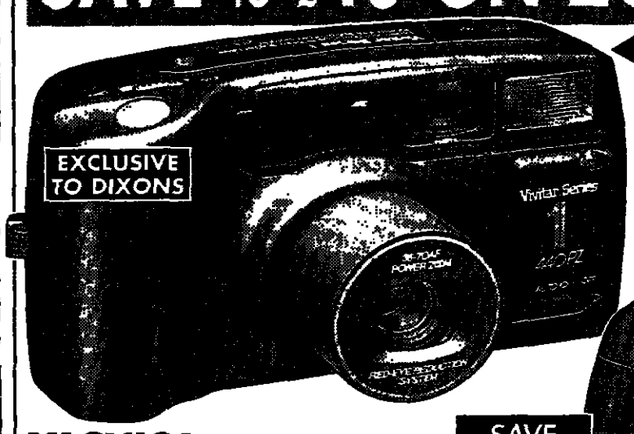
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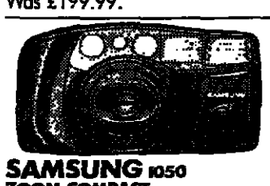
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W	N	E	S
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Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
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Opening lead ♦Q

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

North took the view that if there were a 5-4 heart fit a slam would be a good bet. The final contract was reasonable and would have been excellent without a diamond lead.

The declarer ducked the diamond lead, took the second diamond, came to hand with the ace of hearts and led the queen of clubs. How should West defend?

Answer: Once West starts to ponder he is dead. When my partner held the West hand he dithered over the queen of clubs before playing low, so the declarer played low from dummy, drew trumps and made his contract. If West plays low smoothly on the queen of clubs the declarer may decide he does not have the king. In that case he will play the ace of clubs, and come to hand with a trump to finesse the ten of trumps, hoping to make four spade tricks and discard dummy's losing diamonds on the long queen of spades. Well played but unlucky.

West should have gone up with one right. Declarers do not play important side suit early in slams if that is their only chance of the contract and they certainly don't lead out the queen if they haven't got the ten. But the fact that West should have worked this out was before he played to trick two, not when the queen of clubs was thrust into his hand at trick four.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Salov's double

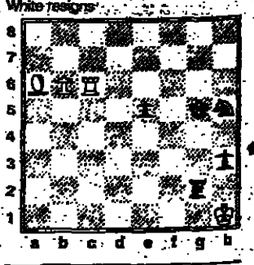
In winning the Sicilian Defence Thematic tournament, Valery Salov, the Russian grandmaster, twice beat Anatoly Karpov, the Fide champion. In this game he outmanoeuvred Karpov.

White: Anatoly Karpov
Black: Valery Salov
Buenos Aires, October 1994

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	d6
6	Bg5	e6
7	Qd2	a6
8	0-0-0	h6
9	Bf4	Bd7
10	Nxc6	Bxc6
11	f3	d5
12	Qe1	Bb4
13	a3	Ba5
14	Bd2	Rc8
15	Qg3	d4
16	Be3	Bc7
17	f4	Nh5
18	Qg4	Qf6
19	Rxd4	Bxd4
20	Bxd4	Qxd4+
21	Qxf4	Nxf4
22	g3	Ng6
23	Kd2	Ne5
24	Be2	Ke7
25	Ke3	g5
26	h4	Rcg8
27	hxg5	Rxg5
28	Rh5	Rxg3+
29	Kf4	Rg1
30	Nd5+	Bxd5
31	exd5	Ng8+
32	Ke3	Rg3+
33	Kf2	Rg5
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35	a4	Rc8
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61	b5	h4
62	Rc6+	Kd5
63	b6	Rb1+
64	Kf2	h3
65	Kg3	Rg1+
66	Kh2	Rg2+
67	Kh1	Nf5

White resigns



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Ordination of women caused 215 resignations

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE number of Church of England clergy who resigned after the ordination of more than 1,000 women priests this summer was far lower than expected, it was disclosed yesterday.

According to a report in the *Church Times* 215 clerics resigned and are claiming severance pay. Traditionalists had forecast that up to 1,000 might resign in the long term.

The report came as bishops in the United States predicted a wave of conversions to Anglicanism among Roman Catholics. A delegation of American bishops will tell the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, today that there are as many Catholics turning to Anglicanism in the United States as there are Anglicans turning to Rome in Britain.

The Right Rev Frank Griswold, Anglican bishop of the large Anglo-Catholic diocese of Chicago, said: "A great many of our clergy in the US, both male and female, are former Catholics." He said many former nuns who felt called to the priesthood had also swapped denominations and been ordained.

Bishop Griswold, chairman of the Liturgical Commission of the episcopal church in the United States, said one third of the adults being confirmed were former Catholics. "Whereas in the old days the reason given was usually divorce and remarriage, more recently they give reasons of theological honesty. They believe it would be more honest to adhere to a tradition which is sacramental but more open theologically."

He said most began by questioning the Catholic stand against artificial birth control and then moved on to challenge other Catholic teachings. Many Anglicans who had been opposed to the ordination of women were being won round by their encounters with practising women priests. Women were ordained in America from 1976 and many Church leaders believe trends across the Atlantic will be followed in Britain.

According to the *Church Times*, the cost of compensation for clergy leaving the Church of England this year had been lower than expected. The Church Commissioners, who manage the Church's historic assets, had projected a cost of £2.3 million for this year, £3.9 million for 1995 and £3.2 million for 1996.

In one of the most recent defections, a vicar and his congregation converted to Catholicism without having to leave their parish church. The Rev Dennis Touw and 20 of his flock were received into the Catholic faith at their own church, St Peter and Paul in Enfield, north London, at a Catholic communion.

The *Church Times* says the diocese that has suffered the most defections is London, where 18 incumbents and curates have resigned. Five incumbents, at Hoxton, St Pancras, Munster Square, Haggerston and Bethnal Green, are in talks with the Anglican London diocese and the Catholic Westminster archdiocese about becoming Catholics with their congregations and continuing to use their church buildings.

In the Truro diocese, also a traditionalist stronghold, 15 serving clergy have gone or are going. At Redruth a team rector and three team vicars left together. In the Chelmsford diocese 13 incumbents and curates have resigned and in Wakefield nine have gone.

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Masons try to save hospital in High Court

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A BITTER feud over the future of the Royal Masonic Hospital in London may be settled in the High Court. Masons leading the fight to save it are seeking an injunction to halt an extraordinary general meeting of the movement at Wembley Conference Centre next month.

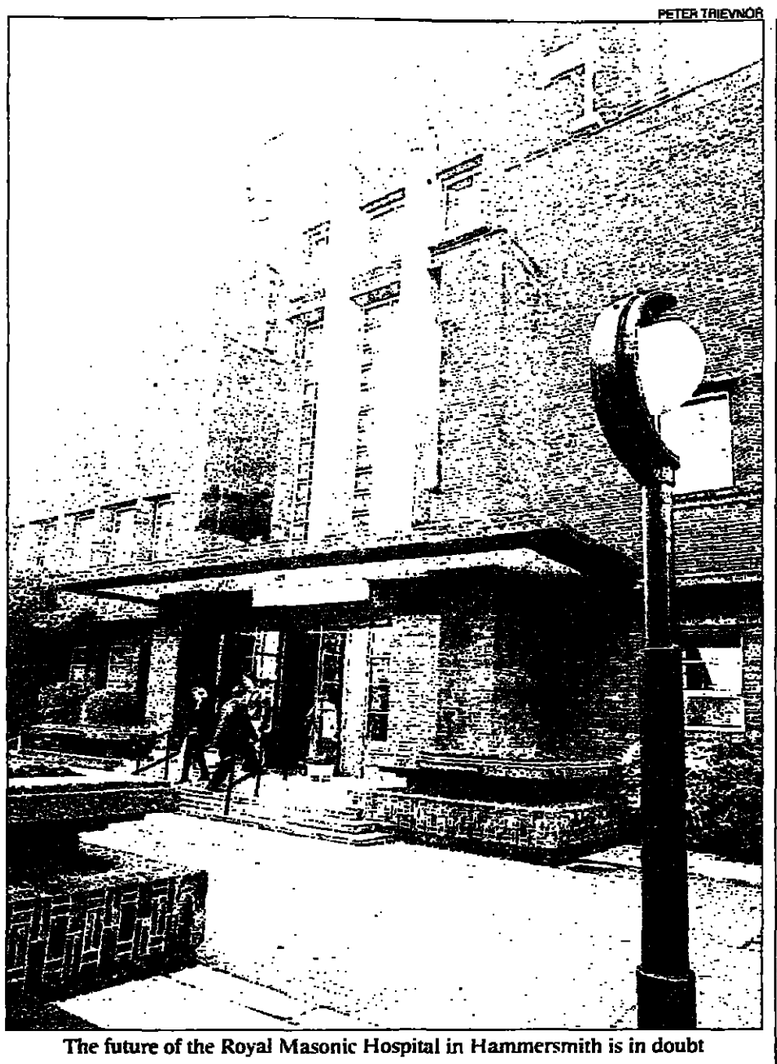
The meeting has been called to try to secure agreement to sever the masons' link with the hospital, which could then be sold for up to £20 million.

Douglas Brookes, a grand vice-patron of the 60-year-old independent hospital in Hammersmith, successfully stopped moves to sell it in a similar High Court battle in 1986. Mr Brookes has once again taken up the cudgels. "There is an historic and sentimental link between masons and the hospital."

The sale could go ahead if 75 per cent of the hospital's governors, innumerable masons who have given at least £10.50 towards its upkeep, vote in favour of winding up the registered charity that runs the 252-bed institution.

Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, was sent in to the hospital by the Charity Commission and its report is the basis of the recommendation to sell the hospital at the Wembley meeting on December 5.

PETER TRIEVNOR



The future of the Royal Masonic Hospital in Hammersmith is in doubt

Minister shines Nightingale's lamp

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

NHS managers in Wales are being ordered to reduce red tape and to follow the example of Florence Nightingale by paying more attention to details that matter to patients.

Encouraging receptionists to smile and porters to be helpful are more important than filling forms, John Redwood, the Welsh Secretary, told the annual conference of the Welsh Association of Health Authorities and Trusts yesterday.

Mr Redwood, a leading critic of the growth of NHS bureaucracy, accused managers of being "up in the strategy sphere" instead of focusing on what makes hospitals work for patients. He ordered health authorities to reduce paperwork and time spent in committees by a quarter.

"Many people in the health service and outside believe that too much information is collected by too many people to too little effective use," Mr Redwood said. "Florence Nightingale used her lamp to light the way to her patients. We should use the lamp in the same way, not burning all the midnight oil over strategy documents."

Last year Mr Redwood clashed with Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, when he claimed that the NHS reforms had become entangled in red tape. He said that 1,500 extra managers had been appointed over three years in Wales but only 20 extra doctors.

After imposing a moratorium on the appointment of new managers, he announced that district and family health service authorities in Wales were to be merged, cutting their number from seventeen to five, with planned savings of £3 million. He also called for a 30 per cent cut in the forms sent from the Welsh Office to hospitals.

Yesterday he told the conference: "The next stage is to achieve a big reduction in the forms you use and on the form-filling we impose on GPs."

Credo

Why we all need hope to survive

The End of the World is in danger of gaining a very tarnished image. The deaths of members of apocalyptic cults such as the Branch Davidians in Waco and the Order of the Solar Temple in Switzerland could obscure one of Christianity's teachings — that of Christ's Second Coming.

With the end of the millennium approaching, nothing is surer than that this tenet of the Christian faith will be further eclipsed by stories of survivalist groups in America stockpiling food and ammunition in readiness for Armageddon, and fundamentalist Protestants indulging in the time honoured and futile tradition of predicting the exact time and place of Jesus's return to Earth. Far from seeking to fuel half-baked predictions or escapist dreams that God will one day return to "clean up the mess" the New Testament's more than 200 references to Christ's Second Coming speak of a commodity that is in desperately short supply in our society — hope. Without it we human beings wither. Hope is what keeps us going from day to day.



Clive Calver

But is hope in inevitable progress justified? Increasingly, many ecologists, scientists and science fiction writers offer us bleak forecasts. Dwindling resources, conflicts and disasters have cruelly undermined dreams of earthly paradise cherished by previous generations.

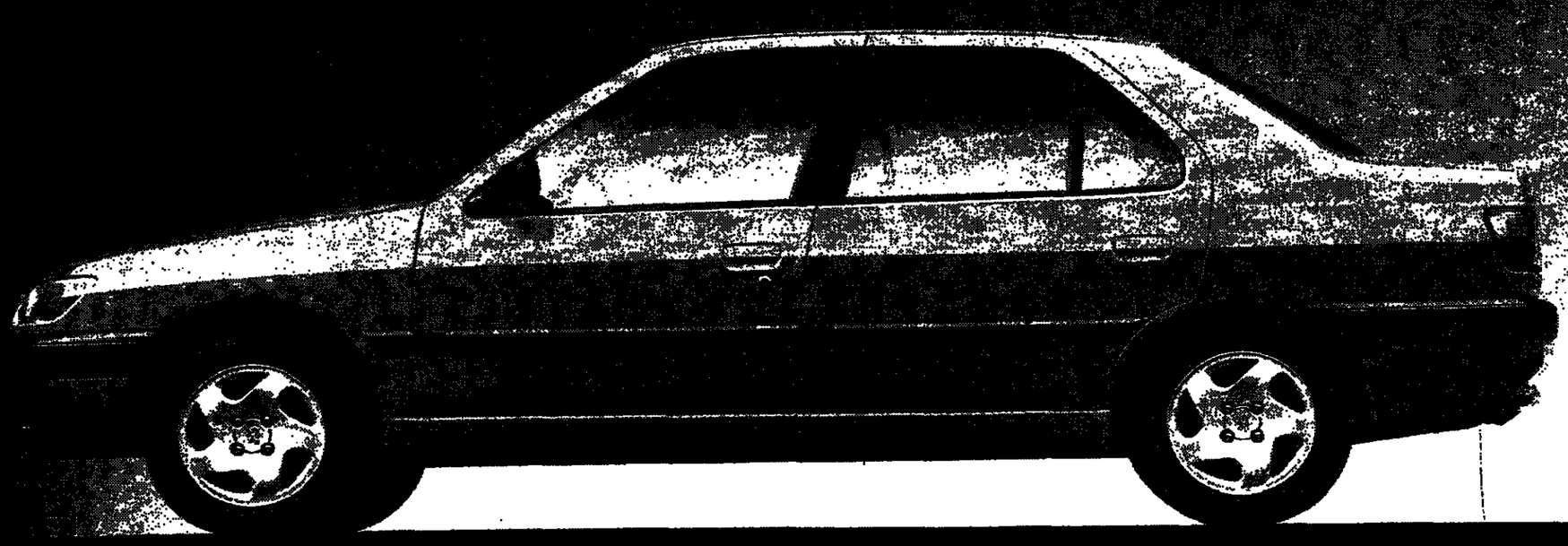
Christ announced the "kingdom" of God in which "the blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor". We must forgive others and love our enemies as part of a new, dynamic way of life, fuelled by the love poured by God into our hearts.

In the subsequent transformation of Christ's crucified body and elevation to an even fuller human life, we have the promise that no situation on Earth can be deemed hopeless, not Bosnia, not Rwanda, not a hungry child. Yet, because God's kingdom has not fully come we have to live with the tension between God's goodness and the world's evil, his healing and the presence of sickness. The qualities of the kingdom that Jesus introduced are the hope we have for our daily lives: saving faith, care for the weak, opposition to injustice, worship and service of God. And yet we know that this is only the start.

C.S. Lewis once remarked that the doctrine of Christ's second coming was unpopular because it cut across the plans and dreams of so many people. But that is precisely the point. He is Himself the culmination of history. We can, therefore, work towards the future with confidence because the one who was raised from the dead in human time and space will one day return for those who know and love him. Then God's kingdom of love for which we now work will be complete. For it is God's act of hope that both judges and justifies our own commitment to hope.

☐ *The Rev Clive Calver is Director General for the Evangelical Alliance UK*

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Chirac gambles to outflank Balladur

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

MONTHS of electoral phoney war in France's Gaullist party gave way yesterday to full-blown conflict when Jacques Chirac, the party leader, proclaimed himself a candidate for the presidency.

His action, which broke tradition by launching a formal campaign six months ahead of the election, amounted to a desperate gamble aimed at breaking the momentum of Edouard Balladur, who has eclipsed him in public favour since taking office as Prime Minister last year.

M Chirac, 62, who has failed in two previous presidential runs, chose Lille, the birthplace of Charles de Gaulle, for his third attempt to don the mantle of the late general. Adopting a Gaullist tone, M Chirac said the French people were growing cynical and disillusioned with the hypocrisy of the discredited political world. Global change and unemployment were taking de Gaulle's Fifth Republic to the brink of collapse. The choice lay "between the risks of a clean break which would sow discord and conflict, and lukewarm comfort which brings the country down in lethargic decline. It is clear that real change is dictated," M Chirac said.

His reference to lukewarm comfort was a direct jibe at M Balladur, the man who M Chirac sent to the Premier's office as his steward to enable him to prepare for the presidency. M Chirac, whose image of impetuousness has been augmented by the aura of a loser, has been struggling for months to stake out a radical manifesto in contrast to the mild recipes of M Balladur.

M Chirac's action galvanised the militants of his Rassemblement Pour la République party, who stand firmly behind him as the legitimate chieftain of the Gaullist movement. They believe that M Chirac, Mayor of Paris since 1977, is the best figure to impose bold leadership and rally the French people in a contest with the left-wing candidate — likely to be Jacques Delors, the outgoing President of the European Commission. By proclaiming himself so early in the race, he hopes to take the wind from M Balladur's sails, throwing him on the defensive at a time when his government is beset by scandals and record unemployment.

The Prime Minister's camp remained unperturbed yesterday by M Chirac's jumping of the electoral gun. They recalled that the party's leader lost in 1988 to François Mitterrand after declaring too early and also in 1981 to Valéry Giscard d'Estaing for similar reasons. "We think that the best candidate is Balladur," said Patrick Devedjian, a pro-Balladur Gaullist MP. "In January the Right will have to decide which is the best man."

The Left, still moribund after its electoral annihilation in 1993, has been taking comfort from the sight of the conservative "losing machine", as it is called, cranking into action. Polls this week show M Delors edging ahead of M Balladur in a hypothetical second-round electoral run-off which is due next May. They also show that M Delors would demolish M Chirac.



Jacques Chirac besieged by reporters yesterday, after announcing his candidacy

Enter French maid with tax benefits for middle classes

BY CHARLES BREMNER

French civil servants are putting the finishing touches to a scheme that could put maids, nannies and gardeners back into middle-class French households for the first time since the Second World War.

Nobody is expecting a sudden return appearance of frilly aprons and butlers but with generous tax breaks and a radical scheme for cutting red tape, the government of Edouard Balladur hopes to strike a blow at France's chronically high unemployment by making it easier for middle and upper-income families *to employ servants*.

However, the "family jobs" programme, which amounts to something of a cultural revolution, is prompting scepticism from economists and hostility from unions and left-wing groups, which are calling it a gift to the "toffs".

"The state is going to use part of its tax revenue to exonerate the surgeon, the doctor and people who already have a comfortable income," said Marc Blondel, the leader of the Force Ouvrière union.

The domestic employment scheme, which mirrors less ambitious efforts in Denmark, Italy, Quebec and elsewhere, was launched in 1991 in a milder version by Martine Aubry, the Labour Minister of the last Socialist government and daughter of Jacques Delors, the outgoing President of the European Commission. As ideologically unpalatable as servants may be, the Socialists were faced with the fact that France's rigid labour laws, high taxes and bureaucracy are contributing to the high level of unemployment. The Aubry law offered a child-minding subsidy for working mothers, the elderly and a limited abatement of France's heavy employment and security taxes for families of any income level employing staff.

The results have been mixed, with the government claiming the creation of 95,000 new full and part-time jobs bringing the official total to half a million households. Economists note that the great majority involved employers legalising their existing but undeclared household help.

M Balladur and Michel Giraud, his Labour Minister, accept that the bulk of household work involves undeclared *travail au noir*, as it does in most of Europe and the United States. By extending the Aubry scheme, they hope, for the first time, to make it positively attractive to declare part-time child-minders, housekeepers and gardeners and to sign up full-time salaried staff.

Since M Balladur announced in September that from January he was increasing to 45,000 francs (£5,300) the domestic wages which may be deducted from income tax, the consensus at Paris dinner parties is that the financial advantages of going legal are far from clear.

Le Figaro calculated that with all the new tax breaks and an existing 2,000 francs per month subsidy on social security charges, employing a salaried child-minder would cost at least 61,349 francs per year.

An undeclared employee receiving the same 36.34 francs per hour comes out at 57,750 francs. By law, nobody may be employed for less than the 6,000 francs per month minimum wage.

The Labour Ministry said yesterday that the scheme should immediately create the equivalent of up to 30,000 new full-time jobs. Since it applies to work of eight hours or less per week, this means work for 150,000 people.

Beyond the technicalities of the Balladur scheme, there is controversy over the value of encouraging a revival of service jobs which are still regarded as menial. Many old prejudices would have to be overcome. When a shoe-shine man, of the kind to be found from New York to Delhi, started work at a Lyons railway station last month, radio and television were on hand to cover the occasion.

Artless painters ruin Montmartre's image

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

PACO'S portrait of an attractive German woman was nothing if not striking. In less than 15 minutes he turned her into something that resembled a police Identikit.

Even if he recognised that he had hardly produced a masterpiece Paco, one of hundreds of unlicensed "floating artists" in Montmartre, Paris, was not about to forego his money. "We've got to earn a living," he said.

However, a local small businesses association is calling for heavy fines for unlicensed artists. Once home to the likes of Vincent Van Gogh, Montmartre houses 140 portrait artists with licences from Paris Town Hall, but has many more "floaters" who may or may not know how to paint but produce countless portraits every day.

"They pinch work from the regular artists [many] don't know which end of the pencil to hold," said Véronique Parisot, of the Syndicat d'Initiative de Vieux Montmartre, which represents the licence-holders. "If tourists refuse to pay, [they are] spat at, intimidated or insulted."

None of which impressed Paco, who said: "All they're trying to do is preserve their monopoly."

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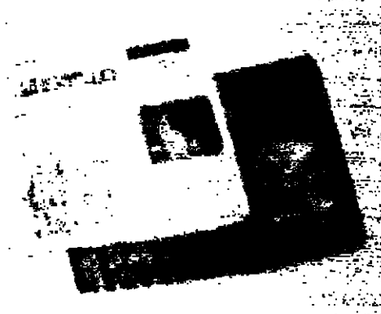
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Old enemies join forces for capture of Kupres

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN KUPRES, CENTRAL BOSNIA

UNEASE clouds the pride of the Bosnian Croat troops in Kupres. Officially they have just won their greatest victory of the war against the Bosnian Serbs, retaking the town they lost two years ago. As they made a lightning three-day advance north, their federal Bosnian allies pushed from the east.

But their boots are too shiny and their uniforms too new: their achievement, trumpeted so heavily by the Croatian media, is not what it seems. It was the Bosnian army that took Kupres.

For three weeks the Bosnian 7th Corps pushed towards the town from the area around Bugoyno. Lacking heavy weaponry because of the United Nations embargo, their ragged infantry ground away at the Serb lines, pushing them north of the town.

Three days ago Croat forces entered the fray, advancing largely unopposed from Tomislavgrad. Caught in a pincer, the Serbs retreated with 10,000 civilian refugees.

The significance of the town's fall cannot be overestimated. The Serbs, already smarting from the recent government offensive in Bihac that gained more than 125 miles, have now been sent into another reeling retreat from an area in central Bosnia, losing another estimated 190 miles to the first joint Croat-Muslim operation since the federation's birth in March this year.

"The Serbs have lost a town for the first time," said a UN observer in Zagreb. "It's their second setback in a week, a tremendous blow. It shows that the BiH [Bosnian army] can fight in a real and sustained way, and that the BiH and HVO [Croats] can co-ordinate."

The operation has been a masterstroke of duplicity, even by the convoluted precedents of the Bosnian war. Kupres is a place of deep symbolism to the Bosnian Croats. Before the war it was inhabited by a population of 12,000, of whom the majority were Croats. The Croats suffered very heavy casualties in April 1992 when a Serb tank battalion spearheaded an offensive across the open alluvial plain leading to the town. Among the defeated Croat survivors was Ante Roso, a former Foreign Legionnaire, latterly the commander of the federal army.

It is thus a gesture of more than magnanimity for the Bosnian army to take Kupres, in which they had little personal stake, and then effectively to hand it to the Croats.

Faced with Serb intransigence against accepting any peace plan, the Bosnian government sees the solution to the war increasingly as a military one. Yet, until the Bosnian army receives the artillery and tanks it so desperately needs, it will find it difficult to hold its gains. Unless, that is, it enlists the HVO, its former enemy.

The Croats have a comparative abundance of military hardware, which could already be seen in action in Kupres yesterday with multi-barrel rocket launchers and howitzers pounding the retreating Serbs as Croat tanks rumbled through the town. "I've seen more heavy weaponry in ten minutes with the Croats then in three years with the Bosnian [Muslims]," one observer said.

The irony of the tangled politics involved is not lost on the Muslim soldiers. "Listen, we took this town," said one, his uniform little more than a collection of well-worn rags. "We got in, then pulled back and had to wait for three hours to hand it to the HVO. I know it's politics, but it was us who shed the blood for this place."

□ **New York:** The UN General Assembly has called overwhelmingly for an end to the arms embargo on the Bosnian government (James Bone writes).

But the 97-0 vote on Thursday concealed stiff opposition in the Security Council, which is the only body with the actual power to lift the long-standing embargo. Ten of the 15 Security Council members abstained in the General Assembly.



Bosnian Croat troops walking the deserted streets of Kupres yesterday after Serb forces were driven out by a Muslim-Croat alliance

Minister quits over Yeltsin reshuffle

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin named Vladimir Panskov, a conservative bureaucrat, as Finance Minister yesterday, provoking the resignation of Aleksandr Shokhin, the reformist Economics Minister. The move has caused disappointment among liberals, who say that Mr Yeltsin is going too far in seeking compromise with the moderate communist and nationalist parliamentary opposition.

As Andrei Illarionov, the liberal economist, pointed out last week there is little to choose between the Cabinet of Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, and the moderate opposition. The low-level conflict between the government and most of the parliament has at least as much to do with battles over the distribution of the state budget to different interest groups as it *is with points of fundamental* policy.

The choice of Mr Panskov may be a sign to industrial lobbies that they will get a bigger share of the budgetary cake. He replaces the reformist Sergei Dubinin, sacked as a scapegoat after last month's rouble crisis. Angered that he was not consulted about the appointment, Mr Shokhin said: "To remain in the government means to betray my principles."

Jittery Serbs talk of school call-up

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

NATO warplanes searched for Serb rocket launchers which had been used to attack the UN safe area of Bihac yesterday.

The UN accused Serb forces of "terrorism" after the rocket attacks, in which seven were wounded, including one child. Thant Myint-U, the UN spokesman, said the attacks were "inexcusable, devoid of any military value and can only be considered an act of terrorism ... designed to provoke fear among the people of Bihac". It was unclear whether the rocket attacks were launched by Bosnian Serb forces or by allied Krajina troops in neighbouring Serb-controlled Croatia.

The UN statement came as Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, said the parliament of his self-proclaimed Serb republic was to be convened in emergency session to declare martial law. Wearing military uniform, he said that a general mobilisation was now in place and that schools might close so that "student brigades" could be formed. "We are beginning a decisive battle against the enemy," said Dr Karadzic, as General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military commander, looked on in silence.

Dr Karadzic's statement appeared to confirm earlier reports that the Bosnian Serb leadership is in a state of a paralysis and paranoia. Dr Karadzic is normally given to such proclamations when he does not know what to do.

Since the vast majority of Bosnian Serb men are already mobilised, it is hard to see what his threat actually means unless he is serious about calling up schoolboys. The problem is that he does not have enough men to defend his territories against a better-armed and more numerous enemy.

The Serbs are now on the defensive and the Croats and Muslims, for the first time, are not just on the offensive, but, having seized the Serb-held town of Kupres, are proving capable of taking territory.

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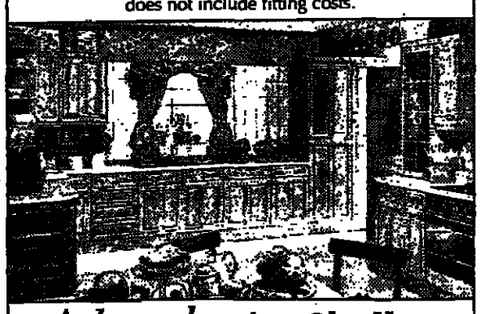
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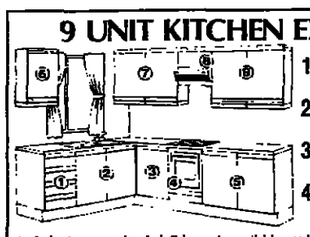
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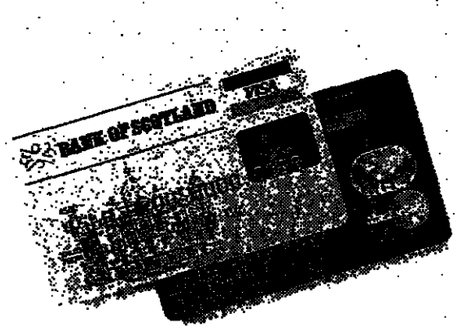
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FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

MID-TERM ELECTIONS

NEWT Gingrich, the carnivorous Republican whip who is determined to be the next Speaker of the House of Representatives, has laid plans to put pressure on conservative Democrats to switch parties if the Republicans fall short of the 40 new seats they need to capture the House next Tuesday.

Mr Gingrich and his cohorts have identified, and in some cases already approached, a dozen potential Democrat defectors from Republican-inclined districts who are well to the right of their own party. These congressmen could expect senior positions if their change of allegiance gave the Republicans a majority, but they have been clearly warned that they will be made prime targets for defeat in the 1996 elections if they insist on remaining loyal to the Democrats.

Provided he holds his own slightly wobbly Georgia seat, Mr Gingrich is on course to become America's foremost Republican, whatever Tuesday's result: it is a prospect that makes the White House shudder.

He will be either the next Speaker and third in the line of presidential succession, or leader of his party's largest and most right-wing congressional delegation in decades, effectively able to control the House by forging an alliance with conservative Democrats. Either scenario spells two years of unusually bloody partisan warfare in the lead-up to the 1996 presidential election.

Mr Gingrich is his party's rottweiler. He calls Democrats "traitors" and President Clinton "the enemy of normal Americans". He rails against the liberal "counter-culture". He labels himself a "revolutionary" whose goal is the "renewal of American civilisation", meaning a return to extreme conservatism.

He loathes the accommodating, old-world style of Bob Michel, the retiring Republican House leader. He also abhors Mr Clinton's government activism. He believes in bare-knuckle confrontation, not co-operation, and will do everything he can to thwart the President's legislative programme.

Mr Gingrich's own agenda is to dismantle the welfare state, slash taxes and drastically shrink both Congress and the federal government. He would, however, set up one new congressional committee as Speaker, and that would be to investigate alleged corruption within the Clinton Administration.

Mr Gingrich, a cherubic 51-year-old with a thatch of silver hair, began his career as a history professor, but that hardly satisfied his instinct for the jugular. He won his congressional seat in 1978 by accusing his opponent of breaking up her family. Shortly afterwards he asked his own wife for a divorce as she was recovering in hospital from cancer surgery.

His 16 years in the House have been notable for no great legislative victories, only for relentless guerrilla warfare. He set out to break the Democrats' 40-year hold on Congress by fomenting such anger at that "corrupt" institution that the electorate finally ejected incumbents wholesale. His most celebrated achievement was engineering the downfall of Jim Wright, the Democratic Speaker, for ethical transgressions in 1989, and he was subsequently elected Republican House whip.

In that capacity Mr Gingrich has quietly but deliberately moulded a congressional party in his own militant image. His $2 million-a-year (£1.25 million) political action committee has trained hundreds of Republican candidates on how to cudgel liberal opponents. A man of prodigious energy, he has disseminated his radical ideas through books, tapes, a weekly television talk show, and a televised college course entitled "Renewing American Civilisation".

Confident of victory, Mr Gingrich has drawn up detailed plans for the transition to Republican rule. He has even borrowed the skull of the world's greatest carnivore, *Tyrannosaurus rex*, from the Smithsonian to set the tone for his putative Speaker's office.

Race is still a cliffhanger

Washington: The Republican bid to seize control of Congress remained a cliffhanger yesterday, with many House and Senate races remaining too close to call with just four days left to polling day (Martin Fletcher writes).

The Democrats drew some comfort from two polls putting Chuck Robb fractionally ahead of Oliver North in Virginia's Senate race, and from a spirited late challenge by Ann Wynia for a Republican-held Minnesota Senate seat. A Wynia victory would mean the Republicans having to win eight, not seven, Democrat seats to take the Senate, and President Clinton yesterday rushed to Minnesota to campaign for her.

In Washington state, however, Ross Perot gave a valuable endorsement to George Nethercutt, the Republican locked in a dead heat with Tom Foley, the endangered House Speaker. A new poll also showed Dan Rostenkowski, the veteran Chicago Democrat facing fraud and embezzlement charges, may be in more trouble than he realised.



Michael and Alexander Smith, whose bodies were found in their mother's car

Grenade explosion in school injures 12

Folkston, Georgia: Twelve pupils were injured when an obsolete 40 mm rifle grenade, which a teenager was showing to his classmates, was dropped and exploded.

Shannon Chesser, 16, who dropped the grenade, was critically hurt and in danger of losing a leg. Four other teenagers were in a serious condition. The blast, in the band room of Charlton County High School, left a 3ft hole in the floor and was felt a quarter of a mile away.

Gregory Douglas, 17, who had taken the round to school, was in hospital with a broken foot. Police said he had told pupils just before the explosion that the ammunition was harmless. His stepfather had taken it home, with a number of others, from the army base where he used to work. *(AP)*

Briton 'stole atom secrets'

Seoul: The South Korean Atomic Energy Research Institute is investigating a report that a teenage British computer hacker had stolen secret nuclear data from its system.

The *Washington Times* quoted James Christy, director of computer crime investigation at the US air force's office of special investigations, who said the 16-year-old, using the name Data Stream, got into the system and more than 100 others. When police found him in front of his screen, he curled up in the foetal position and burst into tears. *(Reuter)*

Jail demand for Nato spy

Düsseldorf: German prosecutors demanded that Rainer Rupp, a Nato official who admitted betraying the alliance's most sensitive secrets to the Soviet bloc for more than a decade, be jailed for 15 years.

They have also asked that his British-born wife, Ann-Christine, 46, be given a suspended sentence for complicity in the crime. *(Reuter)*

Lagos court bails Abiola

Lagos: A Nigerian appeals court has granted bail to Moshood Abiola, the opposition leader who is widely believed to have won last year's annulled presidential election.

It was not clear whether the military government would agree to release Chief Abiola from detention. He is facing treason charges for declaring himself President. *(Reuter)*

Correction

A report on October 25 incorrectly stated that Junius Jayewardene, a former President, was among Sri Lankan politicians who had been assassinated.

Mother 'confesses' to murder after hunt for sons

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

FOR more than a week the tormented face of Susan Smith has appeared daily on television in America, pleading and praying for the safe return of her two infant sons, who she said had been kidnapped by a carjacker.

On Thursday, the divorcée from Union, South Carolina, confessed to killing Michael, 3, and Alex, 14 months, according to police. The boys' bodies were found in the missing car in a nearby lake.

The case has prompted nationwide outrage, not least because of 23-year-old Mrs Smith's apparently remarkable acting ability. She told police that an armed black man jumped into her car at traffic lights near her home on October 25, ordered her to drive for several miles, then made her get out of the car and drove away with the boys.

Pictures of the children appeared in newspapers and on television stations across the country, while local residents mounted searches. "Michael and Alex, I love you, and we're going to have the biggest celebration when you get home," Mrs Smith said in her latest appeal.

But as the leads led nowhere and days passed with no sign of the car, suspicion turned on the apparently distraught mother, who failed a lie-detector test. Police searched Mrs Smith's home and reportedly found a letter from Mitch Sinclair, her boyfriend, saying he wanted to be with her, but not while there were "any kids around". After a lengthy interrogation, she confessed on Thursday, according to police. Mrs Smith was due to be charged with two counts of murder yesterday.

Susan Smith: prayed for sons' safe return

Simpson jury finally picked

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

TWELVE good citizens and true have at last been chosen to form a jury in the case of O. J. Simpson, which despite the numbing tedium of jury selection, is being called America's trial of the century.

After five weeks of questionnaire-filling and in-depth interviews, some of which reduced prospective jurors to tears, prosecutors and defence laywers agreed on Thursday on a panel of eight women and four men to hear the evidence against the football hero and murder suspect who fled police in a white Ford Bronco 19 weeks ago. The jury includes eight blacks, one white, two Latinos and one man who is part Native American and part white. All have satisfied Judge Lance Ito that a sense of civic duty, not the prospect of lucrative talkshow contracts, will sustain them through a six-month trial and possible sequestration.

The predominance of women on the panel may help prosecutors if they are allowed to use Simpson's documented wife-beating as evidence against him, but the jury's black majority is almost certainly good news for the defence. Public opinion in the Simpson case, which began with the fatal stabbings of Nicole Simpson and Ronald Goldman on June 12, has polarised along ethnic lines in spite of appeals from city leaders anxious not to enrage Los Angeles' black community in the wake of the racially charged Rodney King trials. In most polls, roughly two-thirds of blacks believe Simpson is innocent of the double killing, while the same proportion of whites think he is guilty.

Copycat killer held in Nebraska

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

A THREE-DAY manhunt in Nebraska ended when armed police surrounded a motel in O'Neill and arrested Nathan Martinez, 17, the teenager accused of killing two family members after becoming obsessed with the Oliver Stone film, *Natural Born Killers*.

He has been charged with the murder last Sunday of his stepmother, Laura Martinez, 42, and his half-sister, 10, at their home in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The film, which portrays a pair of serial killers on a rampage across America, has been accused of inciting a series of copycat killings in America and France. After seeing the film, Mr Martinez shaved his head and began wearing tinted spectacles to appear like Mickey, the lead character in the film played by Woody Harrelson.

Mr Martinez allegedly shot the two victims as they slept and then drove away in his stepmother's car with a .22 calibre handgun, a .22 calibre rifle and a sawn-off shotgun.

When the police team broke into his motel room, after an officer saw the Utah licence plates on his car, Mr Martinez had placed the handgun on the bedside table but did not attempt to reach it, police said.



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UN chiefs to meet over reign of fear in Zaire aid camps

BY SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

BOUTROS Boutros Ghali, the United Nations Secretary-General, and senior aides will meet next week to discuss the situation in Rwanda. The talks come amid warnings from aid agencies that they will pull out of border refugee camps unless "appalling security levels" are improved.

Dr Boutros Ghali is expected soon to make a recommendation to the Security Council on sending troops to eastern Zaire camps which have effectively been taken over by militiamen and soldiers.

Ron Redmond, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said the agency would be "paralysed" if non-governmental organisations went ahead with a threat to pull out of the camps, which house about 1.2 million Hutu refugees.

The non-governmental agencies have threatened to abandon work in the camps unless the UN takes "immediate and decisive action" to end the reign of terror of Hutu extremists. The move, led by CARE Britain, Oxfam, and Médecins Sans Frontières, came after six refugees were murdered in Kibumba camp.

Also expressing fears about the situation in the camps are the International Rescue Committee, American Refugee Committee, Pharmacists without Borders, and Médecins du Monde. Another British charity, Actionaid, yesterday added its voice to the growing clamour for UN intervention in Hutu refugee camps. The charity wrote to Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, and the UN calling for UN troops to be sent to Goma.

So powerful is the grip of members of the "Social Commission", the shadowy organisation of 16 Hutu extremists, many of them on the wanted lists of human rights groups for their part in the murder of a million Tutsis and Hutu moderates earlier this year, that aid workers are powerless to intervene in saving the lives of targeted refugees. Three days ago two members of MSF, Belgium's medical team, watched as militiamen beat a man to death on the road outside the team's hospital in Kibumba camp.

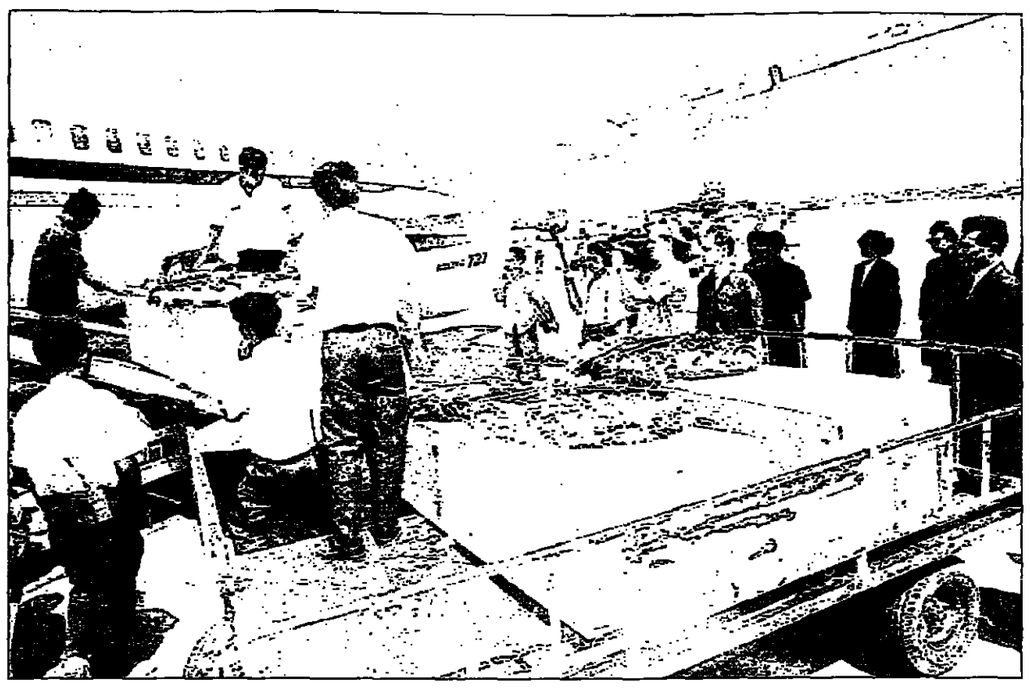
The withdrawal of the 14 relief agencies from the camps around Goma would have disastrous effects on the refugees. But in a statement yesterday they said that "the relief operation in unsustainable; refugees are denied the right to return to their homes, equal access to humanitarian aid, protection, and the guarantee of basic human rights".

Alex Parisel, spokesman for MSF in Goma, said that the idea of the joint statement was to "force the hand of the UN to do something about the camps while there is still time", adding: "There is a basic ethical principle here that may overtake our humanitarian mandate. Are we to feed an evil system that will result in more war, and more genocide in Rwanda?"

Oxfam, which last month condemned the Security Council for its "supine inactivity and callousness in allowing genocide to continue unabated" after it halved the number of troops in Rwanda last April, called on the British Government to support proposals to send armed UN blue helmets into the camps around Zaire.

☐ **Nairobi:** The UN World Food Programme (WFP) and aid agencies yesterday ordered foreign staff to leave two southern Sudanese towns because of advancing rebels. The WFP, Médecins Sans Frontières and Save the Children, the British charity, instructed their staff to leave Akon and Lietnhom.

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THE bodies of Briton Mark Slater, David Wilson from Australia and Frenchman Jean-Michel Braquet, murdered by the Khmer Rouge, are loaded on to an aircraft at Phnom Penh's airport yesterday (James Pringle writes).

Diplomats from Britain, Australia and France, the American Ambassador and senior Cambodian officials, stood for a minute's silence as the coffins were loaded for Bangkok from where the bodies are to be be sent to their home countries. Khieu Samphan, the Khmer Rouge leader, has hinted that other Westerners in Cambodia will be killed if their governments help Phnom Penh. The comments were in a letter to King Sihanouk written before the bodies of Mr Slater, 28, of Corby, Northamptonshire, Mr Wilson, 29, and M Braquet, 27, were found in shallow graves on Vine Mountain, near where they were abducted from a train at the end of July.

Hostages' bodies flown out of Phnom Penh

Denial on backpack case guns

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

THE Australian roadworker accused of murdering seven young backpackers, including two Britons, yesterday denied he had any knowledge of firearms allegedly found in his house.

During the eighth day of committal proceedings against Ivan Milat, 49, the prosecution played a video of a police interview with him the day he was arrested. Asked why firearm parts had allegedly been concealed in the defendant's ceiling, Mr Milat replied: "I wouldn't have a clue."

The hearing was also told that a shirt belonging to an Englishman who was allegedly attacked by Mr Milat while hitch-hiking in January 1990 was found in the Sydney home of the defendant's mother. Another shirt, identified as one owned by the murdered German backpacker, Simone Schmidl, was found in the same house.

The young Briton is due to give evidence early next week. He flew into Sydney yesterday and was immediately driven by police to a safe house.

Airport deal fails to lift Hong Kong

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE British-Chinese agreement on the new Hong Kong airport was signed yesterday in an atmosphere best summed up by Hugh Davies, the British Ambassador and team leader, for his side when he said: "We have not entered a cave of wonders."

It took nearly an hour for Mr Davies and Guo Fengmin, China's team leader, to emerge from signing the brief "minute" which agrees only that the Hong Kong government will put more money into the project, now well under way, and that there is to be a limit on how much it can borrow.

Even now, after more than two years of uncertainty and wrangling over the airport, which China has treated as both a possible financial incubus after 1997 and as another of Britain's "little political tricks", Peking may spin the agony out indefinitely. It must still approve two loan agreements for the airport railway and the airport itself, various land-use agreements, and airport and cargo franchises. Everyone involved could say little more yesterday than "hopefully as quickly as possible", and "the experts will be meeting", or "we will convene again next week".

Donald Tsang, the Treasury Secretary, was the most optimistic: he hoped the loans would be approved early next year. Sir Hamish MacLeod, the Financial Secretary, refused to say whether the target date of completion — June, 1997, which nobody believes is realistic — can be met except in theory. He admitted that he was not surprised the stock market had barely flickered at the signing, noting that "this is not the end of the airport road".

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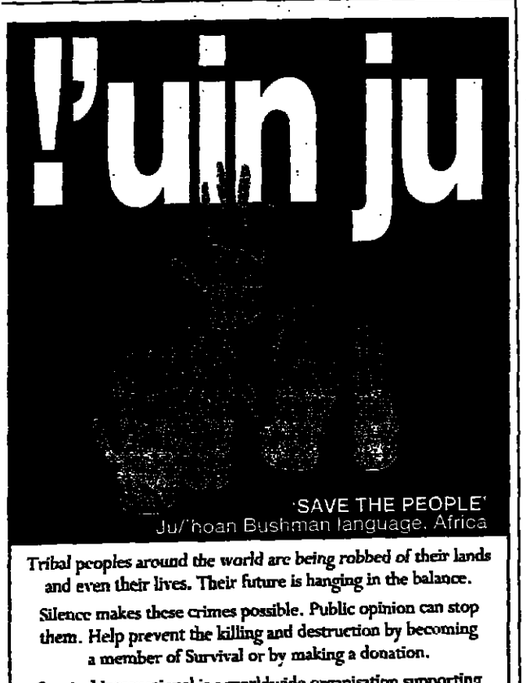
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Poorly equipped task force faces gangs armed with rockets and machineguns

Pakistan's defences breached by opium flood

*Pakistan's traffic in drugs is almost out of control, **Peregrine Hodson** reports from the Khyber Pass. Pictures by **Des Jenson***

Black discs of hashish and Kalashnikovs hang side by side in front of the shops. After bargaining over a few cups of green tea, you may be shown round the back for another, more expensive commodity. Heroin is cheap in the North West Frontier Province.

The raw material, opium, pours across the border from the poppy-growing regions of Afghanistan into mobile laboratories in the tribal areas of Pakistan, where it is converted into heroin. A kilo of opium inside Afghanistan costs around $100 (£66). Ten kilos of opium make one kilo of pure heroin which can sell for £75,000 in London — or more than £600,000 in the street, where heroin has 10 per cent purity or less.

In the past few months Pakistan has brought in tough new measures against drug trafficking that might have some effect on its own, frightening narcotics problem. The situation is already almost out of control. In 1979, when the Russians invaded Afghanistan, heroin addiction in Pakistan was almost unknown. Fifteen years later the number of addicts is estimated conservatively at 1.6 million and rising fast.

During the war against the Soviet Union, Afghans sold drugs to buy weapons. Trafficking made certain people in Pakistan fabulously rich and their influence reached to the highest in the land. Effective anti-drug legislation was blocked as the police, the Pakistan Narcotics Control Board, and some of the judiciary were corrupt, and the country began to drift into the control of drug warlords. In a desperate attempt to halt the creeping subversion of the country by drugs money, the government has put the army in charge of a new anti-drugs force.

The soldiers running the task force are of the highest calibre, men with special forces training who have been wounded and decorated in battle. Their integrity is beyond question, but they face an almost impossible task. Though Pakistan is in the front line of the worldwide war against narcotics, only 20 per cent of funding for its anti-drug operations comes from foreign governments.

Caravans of camels carrying hashish, opium and heroin stream through the hills and valleys of Baluchistan towards Iran and the Makrain coast. Guided by tribesmen through dry water courses and rocky ravines, the smugglers have little fear of detection.

Flying over the area in a helicopter, the caravan a few thousand feet below was almost invisible. The camels were half-hidden in the shade of a cliff, but their load of drugs wrapped in brightly coloured plastic had been left in the open. As we circled lower to take photographs, figures on the ground ran to take up firing positions and our military escort ordered the *pilot to pull away.*

The soldier shook his head. "There is nothing we can do," he said. "They have rockets and machineguns — and they use them. The nearest military helicopters are two days away. We have to cover hundreds of miles of coastline and thousands of square miles of mountains with a single helicopter."

Aid from the United States, one of the countries hardest hit by heroin smuggled from South-West Asia, has dwindled to a trickle. Helicopters and high-speed motor launches are vital to improve the efficiency of the anti-drugs task force. But transfer of such equipment is blocked by legislation restricting military sales to Pakistan.

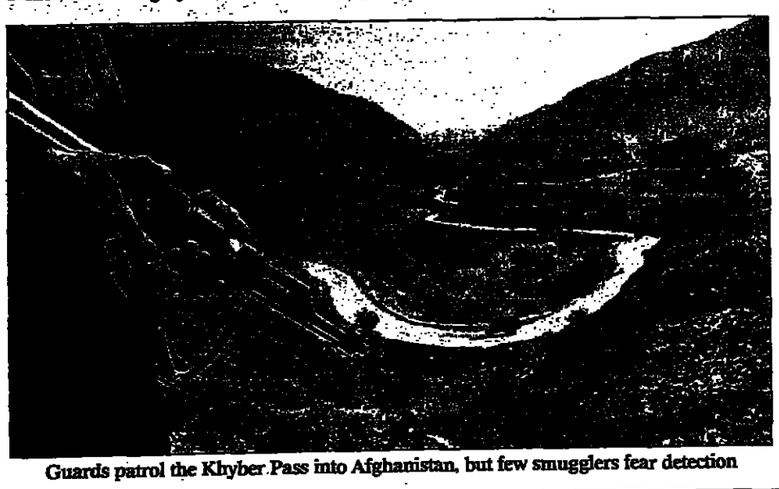
Foreign countries have been slow to make significant contributions to Pakistan's anti-drugs war. Past experience has made them cynical. In Pakistan, the war against narcotics is an unequal struggle between enormously rich and powerful drug lords, and underpaid forces with meagre resources.

Thirty miles north of Karachi, in the Sindh desert, there is a charitable hospital where heroin addicts are treated. Flowers planted in the courtyard and disinfectant splashed on the floors cannot disguise the smell of excrement. A newly arrived addict is put in a ward of 100 or so male mental patients. The most violent are *chained to the wall. Many are* naked. In this living bedlam they do "cold turkey" — total withdrawal from heroin — for three days.

The young volunteer doctor does what he can. "We just don't have enough money," he said. For him and his patients, the finer points of therapy are unaffordable.

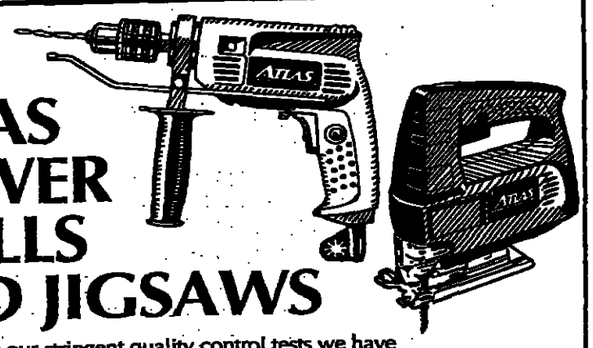


Drug addicts at a rehabilitation centre about 30 miles from Karachi, where inmates do "cold turkey" for three days. The most violent are chained to the wall



Guards patrol the Khyber Pass into Afghanistan, but few smugglers fear detection

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Canny judges of heritage

The public can tell which treasures are worth keeping, argues **Alan Peacock**

A few years ago a friend visiting a northern gallery found himself behind two young lasses on its staircase, on which was perched a Canovaesque sculpture of a demure maiden with her hand placed over a sensitive part of her anatomy. He overheard one turn to the other to make the splendid observation: "Ee! If I'd felt like that about it, I'd 've kept me knickers on."

Experts in heritage matters would doubtless claim this as proof that the general public lack the judgment necessary to take part in decisions affecting the preservation of the past. We are to subscribe to the view that the expert should decide what is good for us. The public are there to be reminded that splendid efforts are being made on their behalf and to observe such efforts from a respectful distance. No wonder that a Glasgow taxi-driver identified *cognoscenti* in the arts by their willingness to visit its museums and galleries when it was not actually raining.

The public, of course, are perceived as providers of resources for preserving the past, and no restriction should be placed on calls on their purse, because heritage is beyond price. As more and more "priceless treasures" are discovered in the dusty corners of historic homes or unearthed by "digs", we should cheerfully accept a Parkinsonian expansion in funding to save for the nation this vital witness to our past.

Heritage pundits are notoriously skilful at defending their position and at capturing the minds of administrators and politicians. So at the risk of being labelled, yet again, a philistine, let me advance the proposition that if the idea of preserving our heritage is to promote our satisfaction and that of future generations, then the ultimate judge must be the public at large.

The acceptance of this doctrine of consumer sovereignty does not entail a totally free market in heritage provision without regard to professional advice. Those who enjoy, or might enjoy, the legacy of the past may not know where their interests lie, though this does not make a case for ignoring their views. There is plenty of evidence that a growing number of those visiting historic sites, museums and galleries seek information which only the expert can supply and are conscious of the fact that their appreciation of historical artefacts can thereby be enhanced.

The terrible heresy embodied in the doctrine of consumer sovereignty is the rejection of any hierarchy of tastes. This is castigated by pundits by contemptuous reference to Jeremy Bentham's notorious obsession that push-pin is as important as poetry. But as the Three Graces controversy clearly indicates, experts differ profoundly amongst themselves when forced to rank artefacts, as they have to do when faced with the awkward fact that resources are not available to restore, preserve and display every artistic creation for posterity.

Current policies designed to preserve the built heritage assign a predominant role to the expert. Those in senior managerial posts, such as directors of state museums and galleries, need take little account of preferences of visitors. The designation of priorities in scheduling buildings require little consultation with those most affected by the results. The public may be protected by the integrity of officials, high standards of financial control, regular parliamentary scrutiny and access to a plethora of published information. But they have no direct part in agenda-setting.

Reliance on members of non-elected quangos and trustees of museums and galleries to protect the public's interests could be tempered by a number of reforms such as:

- The gradual conversion of most national galleries and museums into "national trusts" with the public invited to be subscribers with power to vote for representation on Boards of Trustees.
- The extension of charging for heritage services, notably in museums and galleries, complemented by the use of consumer subsidies in preference to direct grants to producers of heritage services.
- Rigorous pursuit of regional dispersal of art treasures, with a bias in National Lottery funding towards new regional initiatives.
- Much more flexibility in the operation of planning and preservation regulation to allow adaptation of historic buildings for modern domestic and commercial use.

Giving the public an active role in heritage governance does more than recognise their rights. It offers arts pundits a greater opportunity to improve the appreciation of our heritage. If they claim that their educational mission is being successfully carried out, they must expect growth in public understanding to be matched by power-sharing in decision-making.

Extracted from the Keynes Lecture delivered by Professor Sir Alan Peacock to the British Academy

Ministerial corruption, says **Anthony Lester**, will always involve a cover-up: so thank heavens for the media

We should bless our cantankerous press

Amid the current welter of stone-throwing by and against ministers, MPs, journalists, and Mohamed Al-Fayed, what really matters to the citizen is whether public officers have broken their public trust, what can be done to make ministers and MPs and civil servants more effectively accountable, and how we can strengthen ethical standards in public life.

What is happening now in Whitehall and Westminster in response to the allegations about government and parliamentary sleaze is a dress rehearsal for a crucially important debate when the Scott inquiry's report is published next spring. Let us suppose, entirely hypothetically, that Scott finds that ministers or civil servants approved direct exports to Iraq of a defence-related nature in breach of official government policy; or that they sanctioned government prosecutions of Matrix Churchill directors for evading export controls, well knowing that what had been done had secret government approval; or that they prevented evidence from being disclosed to the defence relevant to their criminal trials; or that they deliberately misled Parliament by economically giving only the half of the picture — the half that suited the Government.

Any one of those findings would involve a serious breach of public trust, far worse than the contemptible practice of accepting cash for asking commercially-motivated questions as an MP. Any one of these findings would involve unconstitutional and unethical conduct for which ministers, collectively and individually, should be held to account.

Yet if Scott so finds, the Government will argue that no minister should resign from office for any of these serious breaches unless he was personally blameworthy for what was done by him or his civil servants. That is how I interpret the evidence given by the Prime Minister and his Cabinet Secretary to the Scott inquiry, cramping the circumstances in which ministers should carry the constitutional can, and leaving a dangerous vacuum of unaccountable government power somewhere between personal ministerial decisions and official conduct.

If Scott bites, the Government will put it about that he is a typical judge who does not understand how governments really work, that his findings betray a naive innocence about the horrid things that British governments must do to preserve British jobs in winning export orders from corrupt Middle Eastern countries against wily and unscrupulous French competition, and that the inquiry's inquisitorial procedures have been unfair to Whitehall. As recent events have shown, our governors will counter-attack ruthlessly and below the belt to distract public attention and to stay in power.

Whether anyone criticised by Scott will be forced to resign will depend on the minister responsible, the Prime Minister, and the Conservative Party in Parliament. Their views will naturally be influenced by the information and ideas published in the press in the aftermath of the report. But what ministerial accountability will not depend on is the power of the Commons to censure and dismiss ministers.

Censure motions can always be defeated by a majority government. They are likely in any event to be treated as putting in issue the House's confidence in the Government as a whole, and therefore its survival. That is why the Crichel Down convention of individual responsibility of ministers for their departments' failings is a constitutional fiction.

If Scott makes strong and well-targeted criticisms, the odd minister or civil servant may be "persuaded" to fall on his sword, but the Government will probably survive even the strongest findings of breaches of public trust. The Nolan committee will be asked to consider some knotty problems about the lack of effective ministerial and Civil Service accountability, as part of an ever-widening remit.

This gloomy scenario of ministerial immunity from real accountability will come to pass unless the media are able and willing to perform their vital and difficult role as purveyors of reliable information and honest opinions about government malpractice. The gleeful and intemperate attacks this week, by ministers and Tory MPs, on the press in general and the editor of *The Guardian* in particular, like the Government's repeated threats of anti-press privacy legislation, show how much they fear the power of the press to inform the people about what is happening beneath the surface of public life, and how little they value free speech and a free press where they harm government interests.

Like Thomas Jefferson, I think that when a man assumes a public trust, whether as a minister, an MP, or a civil servant, he should consider himself as public property. Again like Jefferson, if it were left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I would prefer the latter. That is not because I or others who cherish free speech regard newspapers as above the law (*pace* William Rees-Mogg), nor as beyond censure for unethical practices. It is because I distrust all governments of whatever political colour, and especially governments which are able to exercise their formidable public powers, inside and beyond Parliament, secretively and deceptively, free from strong checks and balances.

Under the British system, ministerial accountability is very weak, and is becoming weaker still as more and more government functions are hived off to executive agencies. Neither ministers nor civil servants are bound by enforceable duties prescribed by our so-called sovereign Parliament, whether under a written constitution, a Bill of Rights, or a statutory code of ethics.

That is why the press, with all its faults, provides surer safeguards of honest and good government than the pretensions of a self-important but ineffectual Parliament, jealous of its privileges yet dominated by the executive. As an American judge observed, "a cantankerous press, an obstinate press, an ubiquitous press must be suffered by those in authority in order to preserve the even greater values of freedom of expression and the right of the people to know".

Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC, is a constitutional lawyer and a Liberal Democrat peer.

The Treasury's deadly stamp

Without commercial freedom, the Post Office is doomed. A way must be found to free it from bureaucracy's grasp

Simon Jenkins

Every student knows that Napoleon in 1812 was forced back from Moscow not by the Russians but by General Winter. His real enemy was not the Tsar's army or the Cossack hordes. It was the arctic cold, sapping his strength, clouding his judgment, numbing the fighting spirit of his soldiers.

John Major and Michael Heseltine trudged back from Post Office privatisation this week, defeated not by their backbenchers or the Labour Party. What cut through their defences and dogged their every step was the orthodoxy of British public expenditure: the icy Treasury view that "there is no such thing as greater commercial freedom within the public sector". General Winter takes no prisoners. Mr Heseltine's Grenadiers fought the backbench enemy to the end. But their guns simply froze to their fingers.

There is no point in starting any account of this fiasco at the beginning. Politics, like war, never starts at a beginning. Mr Heseltine is no ideologue; he is a walking monument to pragmatism. The campaign to privatise the Post Office formed in his mind from the moment he realised that the Treasury and "greater commercial freedom" were incompatible bedfellows. The Treasury would not give the Post Office control of its revenues, its investments, its prices or its profits. Neither John Major nor Kenneth Clarke had the guts, or the intellectual firepower, to overcome the Treasury's mania to control anything it can touch. Mr Heseltine felt that the only way forward was to privatise.

I found his argument overwhelming. For the unions and Labour to demand that the Post Office stay together as an "integrated whole" is eccentric: 95 per cent of postal counters are already privately owned. Why Parcel Force and the Royal Mail need to be part of the same company is a mystery, except that it makes life easier for trade union organisers. As for the sanctity of the "Royal Mail", who do backbenchers think will soon be delivering half the mail that comes to their door? It will be private companies operating outside the Post Office's monopoly range of "one pee to one pound" letters. Indeed as the price of a first-class stamp spirals upward, I assume the letter post will eventually lose its monopoly by attrition. I never came across a clearer case for privatisation.

So much is history. Mr Heseltine's opponents, in Cabinet, on his own back benches, in the Labour Party and the postal unions, have now told him to go out into the cold and fight the Treasury all over again. He has publicly declared that the policy forced on him by his own party will "condemn the Post Office to slow decline". That portion of this industry that is not already private must be able to behave as if it were, in fair competition with the rest. Managers must be able to retain their revenues. They must be able to invest and borrow, not against a Treasury guarantee but against their assets. Ministers must be banned from dictating the price of every stamp and the pay of every postman. Mr Heseltine and his Cabinet colleagues must swallow their pride and find a way to implement Labour Party policy.

The Treasury's case against greater freedom for the Post Office is reminiscent of the Inquisition's case against Galileo: he was "not in the Book". In the 1960s and 1970s, nationalised industries borrowed at will. They used state loans to build dud power stations, uneconomic steel plants, unsellable cars. All that had to stop. The public sector is now a seamless web of Treasury control. Public borrowing is bad, however profitable, because it "amounts to" public spending. All that matters is cash flow. If a publicly owned company borrows from a private bank, the bank is said (by the Treasury) to believe that the Government is guarantor of the loan. This renders the loan risk-free. Besides, if ministers own a company they will always meddle, and thus fiddle the rate of return to their advantage. Either privatise, says the Treasury, or shut up.

To the public this is the sophistry of men and women who have no experience of the real world. The horrors of the public sector in the 1960s and 1970s were real. But the public sector has moved on, into sub-contracts, agencies, the social market economy. The Treasury is seen as an army fighting its last war but one. Mr Heseltine's opponents of this week cannot understand why British taxpayers should not own a company that operates like a private company. Germans, French and Italians do. A board composed of public nominees should be able to manage commercial success, accepting dividends when payable and sacking executives when not.

This is not about making two and two equal five. It is about arbitrary definitions of public spending (which change all the time) and about the distribution of power within government. The Treasury simply hates to lose control. If it chose — or if ordered by tough ministers — it could free the Royal Mail to compete against the new electronic delivery systems. Finances can be ring-fenced. Loans can be tied to corporate assets, not Treasury guarantees. Rules can forbid ministerial directives.

There is no hard-and-fast relationship between public ownership, bankruptcy and borrowing. The Post Office would not go bankrupt. But then neither would private sector Barclays or British Gas. The state would salvage them somehow. The Channel Tunnel will not close if its bankers despaired of it: their gamble was always on the yield.

The Treasury bends the rules when it wants. A majority stake was taken in BP, yet BP investment was not treated like that of the Post Office. The property speculations of the British Rail property board in the 1980s were quietly left out of public borrowing. A former Treasury adviser, Bill Robinson of London Economics, has proposed precisely this for the Post Office; a limited company owned by the State but with its investment ring-fenced. There are plenty of models elsewhere, for instance the post offices in Sweden and New Zealand.

Nobody quarrels with the Treasury's desire to curb public spending. What infuriates the Post Office and other nationalised industries is that department's insensitivity to the world in which they must operate. The Treasury regards the "commercial" public sector as it regards local democracy: an obscene and probably dangerous indulgence of the lower classes that must be stamped on lest it get out of hand. The Treasury is good at this, as it is good at the intellectual seduction of Chancellors of the Exchequer to its "view". What is now the real commercial plight of the Post Office is treated with derision.

Sometimes what a department needs is not an argument but a sharp blow to the head. The Tory rebels — indeed a clear majority of the House of Commons — have told Mr Heseltine to win commercial freedom for the Post Office from the Treasury. There should be no more angels dancing on pinheads. With the full authority of Parliament behind him, Mr Heseltine can ask his Cabinet colleagues to get the Treasury off the Post Office's back.

If this requires a new statute, there happens now to be a gap in the Queen's Speech.



The Royal Mail may boast a daily delivery to almost every dwelling, but private companies will undercut it

Bonn beano

A FEW horrendous hangovers today, I predict, as a group of ministerial advisers arrive back from their giant freebie in Germany. For, according to their colleagues who did not join the trip, the young Turks decided to throw off the cares of recent weeks by taking full advantage of the generous hospitality that was on offer.

The purpose of the four-day visit, under the auspices of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, is an exchange of views between our boys and Germany's Christian Democrats. Among those who went was David Ruffley, who works for Kenneth Clarke and Jonathan Aitken; Patrick Rock, Michael Howard's man; Keith Adams, John Gummer's chief adviser; and at least four Tory Central Office aides.

Although Malcolm Rifkind's splendid sidekick, Crispin Blunt, stayed at home through pressure of work, he exhorted me to reflect on the serious point to the trip. However, an insider confirms that the visit was treated as a chance to celebrate the end of a rocky parliamentary session. What with the distractions, Adams even managed to miss his connection at Bonn airport and had to follow on later. "I am dead if you name me," whispers one aide. "But to say they were letting their hair down would be a gross understatement."

Maurice Saatchi's 60th birthday present to Kenneth Baker backfired at the party on Thursday night. Saatchi put on a video highlighting the greatest moments of Baker's political career in front of the assembled guests, who included John Birt, Michael Howard, Virginia Bottomley and Lord Wakeham, but the sound promptly failed. Chattering broke out again among the great and the good as Saatchi vainly tried to fix it. By the time it was mended he had, rather sadly, lost the audience.

Ritzy business

WHATEVER one might say about Tim Yeo, he certainly shows chutzpah. My Paris mole spotted the minister-in-exile tucking into a scrumptious lunch on Thursday — at the Ritz. Within hours of the Commons rising for a fortnight, a group of MPs, mainly Labour, set off for France on a day trip as guests of Eurotunnel.

The Al-Fayeds' famous hotel prompted lots of jokes by the Labour side at the expense of Neil Hamilton and Jonathan Aitken, and the MPs pointedly sought out other venues for their lunch. All, that is except Tim Yeo, accompanied for the day by his son Jonathan, a talented artist.

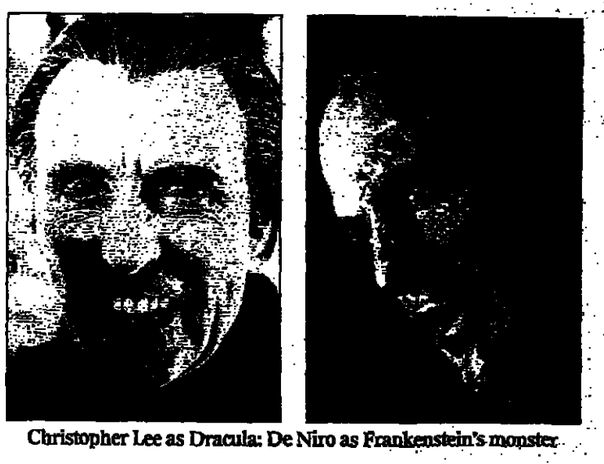
"We had a splendid lunch," reports Jonathan (whose father, needless to say, paid for the meal). "We lingered too long over a fine Armagnac and made all these quips about who was picking up the bill. But I don't think the waiters understood."

Lady Chalker, our deputy foreign secretary, is flying to Gdansk next week to visit four Polish police dogs trained by the Northumbrian police force. Only one of the alsatians, says Northumbria's Inspector Paul Common, will understand her. "One of the handlers was learning English and so taught his dog English commands. Useful with Polish villains, so he said."

Holy lyrics

AS CROCODILES of tiny feet troop into British cinemas to be enraptured by Disney's *The Lion King*, the film's lyricist Sir Tim Rice is already preparing his next project — a musical based on the life of King David. With him in Jerusalem to finalise arrangements is his collaborator Alan Menken, who also wrote the music to Rice's lyrics in *Aladdin*.

The news will be formally announced on Monday, but according to my man in Jerusalem it will be the highlight of the 3,000-year anniversary of the city in 1996. "We have been commissioned to write a one-off musical work for the anniversary festival," says Rice. "And we're here to learn more about the city and to absorb its history." Nor is he deterred by the epic scale of his biblical subject. "It's much easier to write about a huge subject than a tiny one," he insists. The couple are, of course, staying in Jerusalem's King David Hotel.



Christopher Lee as Dracula: De Niro as Frankenstein's monster

Six of the best

THE BRITISH influence, I can reveal, helped Hans van den Broek to gazump Sir Leon Brittan over the plum Brussels portfolio. It also enabled the EC Commissioner to withstand the verbal mauling delivered by Lord Tebbit during the Oxford Union debate on Europe — which left the poor Belgian premier Jean Luc Dehaene literally quivering with emotion.

For van den Broek disclosed that he was first spanked while he attended a British boarding school during the Second World War when he was evacuated from The Netherlands. "Having being brought up in the British system, he said he was more used than Dehaene to such treatment," explains an aide.

Monster role

THE REVIEWS of the new *Frankenstein* film are mixed but the 12 hours a day that Robert De Niro spent in make-up is already becoming the stuff of cinema legend. At Thursday night's premiere, veteran ghoul Christopher Lee told me Mary Shelley would have been delighted by De Niro's monster: "I played the creature just once and the make-up took three hours. But in those days we were working in the dark so I really looked like I was made of bits and pieces."

Alison Steadman, an actress happier with the improvised approach, sympathises with De Niro's sufferings for his art. "It must have been absolutely awful," she agrees. "The most make-up I ever had was in a West End play where they made me wear a skull cap and on top of that I had to wear three wigs. It was very hot."

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LEST WE FORGET

Poppy week has never been more important

A week tomorrow, the nation will once again mourn those who have fallen in its defence. Remembrance Sunday remains the most poignant fixture in the British calendar, an annual reminder of our collective debt to the casualties of the battlefield. In honour of this year's ceremonies, *The Times* will adopt the poppy as its motif over the next week.

We hope that readers will be encouraged to give especially generously to the 1994 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, bearing in mind the financial difficulties in which the organisation finds itself this year. Despite raising more than £14 million last year, the legion was forced to draw upon its reserves to balance its books. We also hope to stimulate broader debate on the future of war commemoration and the ways in which the flame of remembrance may be kept alight.

The theme of this year's appeal is the need to engage the attention of youth in its importance. The first Poppy Day was held in Britain in November 1921, inspired by a poem written by Colonel John McCrae at Ypres in 1915 describing the flowers blowing on the bloody fields of Flanders. More than seven decades later, 40 million poppies a year are sold to a nation that has not forgotten the sacrifice of the First and Second World Wars. Yet the community of those directly affected by these conflicts is dwindling. In 1992, only 51,000 war widows were still alive. Their needs must continue to be met in ways that befit a civilised nation. But it is equally important that future generations not lose sight of the sacrifice which is the hidden foundation of our day-to-day freedoms. The cultivation of memory will soon be at least as important as the raising of funds.

The legion has shrewdly anticipated the inevitable change in its role. If is developing a more professional corporate image, as its impressive lobbying during the row over the commemoration of D-Day illustrated. It has diversified its activities, catering for the veterans of more recent conflicts such as the Falklands and Gulf Wars as well as the survivors of the world wars. It is now considering ways in which it can enhance its role as a curator of the past, encouraging the young to confront the sufferings of their ancestors with intelligence and sympathy.

In the past, this task has been left to artists and writers. Since Stephen Crane's magnificent American civil war novel *The Red Badge of Courage* and Erich Maria Remarque's *All Quiet on the Western Front*, many writers have tried to capture the human cost of war in literary form. The magnificent exhibition of Avant-Garde Art from the Great War mounted by the Barbican, *A Bitter Truth*, illustrates the little-recognised aesthetic power of the painting and sculpture yielded by that conflict. Art of this kind has often been perceived as unpatriotic. Yet the opposite is true: intelligent consideration of such work deepens the sense of debt which the reader or viewer feels for those who have suffered on his behalf.

Veterans' organisations should examine ways in which they can encourage exhibitions, events and school projects which will enhance this process. As the British Legion seems to realise, groups previously dedicated to the welfare of survivors must now also assume the role of persuader. The number of young people who have already visited the Barbican exhibition suggests that they will have a receptive audience. With sufficient support, the legion, and groups like it, can ensure that the sufferings of the 20th century will be remembered a hundred years from now. Never has it been more important to give generously during Poppy Week.

HELL'S HOSTAGES

Rwandans must be rescued from the terror of the camps

The international relief effort for Rwanda is going predictably, and tragically, awry. This is not for lack of money, or even for lack of efficiency in delivering emergency aid. It is because the vast camps outside Rwanda's borders, and particularly those in Zaire, should never have been allowed to become semi-permanent. From the first, entire units of defeated Rwandan troops and armed Hutu militias moved in, looting and terrorising civilians and treating the camps as bases from which to regroup. There is no reason to doubt this week's statement by 15 highly experienced charities that these units now exercise a sway so complete, and so tyrannical, that hundreds of thousands of refugees are "hostages" — denied protection and equal access to relief, and maimed or killed if they hint at a desire to go home.

The priority should have been to disband the camps as soon as possible. Many of the refugees did not even flee spontaneously: some were literally forced over the borders by retreating soldiers and Hutu militia, others incited to flight by bloodcurdling Hutu radio broadcasts. Officials in the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees agreed on the importance of early repatriation: but they undermined this policy by giving Hutu prefects and militiamen a role in aid distribution. This was understandable in the context of the immediate emergency, but as the spokeswoman for the UNHCR admits, it "created a rod for our own backs". Still more pertinently, it unleashed a reign of terror in the camps, and the UNHCR has been far too slow to admit it.

The charities' threat to pull out of this "unsustainable" operation has galvanised the UN into exploring ways to end the intimidation in the camps, and protect refugees who want to go home. Obviously, the emergency will not end there. Because the planting season is all but over, relief on a commensurate scale would be required inside Rwanda. But preparations have been made; and refugees, once home, would be able to start rebuilding their lives.

To minimise revenge killings, relief would also need to be coupled with far more extensive provision of human rights monitors and support for Rwanda's civil administration and police forces. Governments should also heed Rwanda's appeal for lawyers and judges — only 35 judges have survived the carnage — to reassure ordinary Rwandans that those accused of crimes will have a fair trial. All this is a tall order, but not insuperably difficult or expensive. The main obstacle is the familiar one: the West, and the UN, are experienced in emergency relief, and in handling long-term development: but when it comes to the rebuilding of devastated societies, there is a yawning policy gap.

For these tasks to succeed in restoring stability, the camps must first be made safe, and then emptied. The militias are now so entrenched that this will now require a determined force, capable of handling armed resistance. Governments will be reluctant to volunteer: without action, however, the problem will only get worse.

They should consider the alternative. These camps of hate and fear are a massive potential rebellion on Rwanda's borders, bases for renewed civil war. They would be a permanent source of instability in a region tinged with anarchy. President Mobutu of Zaire, who will be delighting in his reprieve from deserved international isolation at next week's Franco-African summit in Biarritz, must be prevailed upon to request international policing of the camps. All the considerable diplomatic influence that the West can, if it chooses, bring to bear must then be used to muster the required forces.

TONIGHT'S BURNING QUESTION

Conspiracy theories aside, Fawkes was an English sort of guy

Spoilsports frown at this evening's pyromania. And they may well argue that there is something worth their frowns. More than £40 million is spent on a million fireworks to go up in bangs and sparks tonight. The removal of import licensing has inflamed the market with alarming foreign fireworks: big bangers on dangerously short fuses from France, Czech minirockets from the land that gave the world Semtex, "jumping fish" from China, the ancient birthplace of the firework. These last toys for ambitious juvenile Saddam Husseins contain 100 pounds of gunpowder and shoot sheets of flames 100 feet into the air. If they toppled over they could incinerate a playground.

The occasion commemorated is hardly pleasant. November 5 remembers gunpowder, treason and plot, bigotry and torture. Until 1859, the service in the Book of Common Prayer for today's festival of the happy deliverance of James I, comminated the papists as "our cruel and bloodthirsty enemies" who dealt in "treachery of a most barbarous and savage manner". In *The Golden Bough*, James Frazer suggested that the English passion for bonfires had roots deeper than Guy, going back to human sacrifice (Frazer found human sacrifice in most customs). Guy Fawkes, that conspirator of fortune, was racked to an inch of death, and then hanged, drawn and quartered. It is said that there are already beggars on the streets without encouraging children to join them in demanding a penny for the Guy — more like a fiver now, because of pyrotechnic inflation. Spoilsports consider tonight, one of the few days that stick in the national memory-bank, dangerous, politically incorrect, barbaric, terrifying for animals, and as wantonly wasteful as putting a match to a bundle of £50 notes.

Damp squibs and moonshine! The anti-papist bigotry has faded. Many of the celebrants think that Guy Fawkes is merely a sexist designation of a fall-guy, and some of those who have heard of him think that he was the only honest man ever to go to Parliament. For safety and in order to afford a bigger bang for their bucks, communal firework displays have replaced the do-it-yourself sort, where father was likely to blow somebody up, probably himself. Publicity and the collectivisation of bonfire night parties are reducing the accidents, though tonight is still the worst night of the year for cats and dogs. Anything that gets the people out from their islands around the television to meet their neighbours is a good tradition.

There is a peculiar beauty in this northern November sky ablaze with coloured lights, and this communal celebration of the dwindling of the year rouses emotions that Frazer recognised. The ooohs and aaahs that rise around tonight's bonfires, the stink of sulphur and the whoosh of rockets, are acts in a seasonal festival that has established its usefulness by its longevity. We see no reason why gunpowder treason should ever be forgot, even though the details have become blurred in the public memory. Down with spoilsports and up with the rockets.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Sermons in perspective, and prizes for the preachers

From the Clerk to the Presbytery of Edinburgh

Sir, In your articles launching the Preacher of the Year Award (Weekend, October 29) there are three serious omissions.

First, only the Bishop of Durham, as quoted by Ruth Gledhill, makes any reference to women preachers. Is Mr John Gummer, who wrote your "cover story", unaware of the increasing number of women occupying pulpits throughout the land and doing so with great acceptance?

Second, there is no specific reference to the Church of Scotland. Bishop Holloway, one of the preachers Mr Gummer singles out for reference, represents the Scottish Episcopal Church of the Anglican Communion, whereas the Church of Scotland belongs to the Reformed Churches. In the Reformed tradition there has always been a high regard for the preaching of the Word and the 1,200 ministers of the Kirk include a considerable number of outstanding preachers.

Third, there is no reward offered for the preacher who can touch the hearts as well as the minds of the congregation. There is of course a place for the well constructed, biblically based, theologically sound, eloquently delivered sermon: however, God can speak through frail and inadequate human words as well as through great pulpit oratory of the traditional variety.

I am, yours faithfully,
W. PETER GRAHAM,
Clerk to the Presbytery of Edinburgh,
10 Palmerston Place,
Edinburgh 12.
October 31.

From the General Secretary of the British Evangelical Council

Sir, Those who first heard Christ's Sermon on the Mount were astonished. "For he taught them as one having authority" (Matthew vii, 29). Such power comes only from the Spirit of God and without it the rest is only bones without breath.

I wonder whether the sponsors have considered what burden they will bestow upon the hapless "winner", along with their sculpture and cheque of £1,000? To gain a Booker prize may encourage an author's marketing agent, but the inevitable pride in achieving *The Times* Preacher of the Year Award is hardly likely to impress the Holy Spirit.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN GIBSON, General Secretary,
British Evangelical Council,
11 Victoria Street,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.

From Mrs P. J. Mansergh

Sir, Lay preachers very often have less time to give to the preparation of sermons than their ordained colleagues. They are usually less trained in theology, but they may have the advantage of being better tuned-in to the outlook and experiences of members of the congregation. Would it not have been more satisfactory to have two classes of award — the ordained "Preacher of the Year" and the lay?

Yours sincerely,
JANE MANSERGH
(Local Preachers' Secretary,
Settle Methodist Circuit),
Coach Cottage, Bishopdale Court,
Settle, North Yorkshire.

From Mrs Rosena Hynes

Sir, Your competition can only be regarded as flawed in the light of the declaration of the Apostle Paul (II *Corinthians ii, 1-4*):

I did not come [to you] with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified ... My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

Yours sincerely,
ROSENA HYNES,
9 Hauxwell Drive,
Yeadon, Leeds, West Yorkshire.

From the Reverend Canon Ian Dunlop

Sir, I trust that the judges of your contest will be aware of the profound difference between preaching and reading aloud — a difference that is perhaps better recognised in Scotland than elsewhere.

Applicants for clerical posts here may be invited to preach just before the appointment is made. One such applicant was dismissed by a member of the vestry with the words: "First — he read it. Second — he couldna read. Third — it was no' worth reading".

The College of Preachers, your co-sponsors of the award, would do better to concentrate on helping preachers to establish a rapport with their listeners than to help them to write a prize-winning text.

Yours faithfully,
IAN DUNLOP,
The Glebe, Selkirk, Borders.

Ethical and practical means to avert a measles epidemic

From the Deputy Chief Medical Officer

Sir, Dr Richard Nicholson (letter, November 3) questions the ethics of the measles and rubella immunisation campaign. I must emphasise that it is not an experiment: it is a carefully planned strategy to protect a large number of susceptible children from two diseases, strategy that is routine in most industrialised countries.

The Department of Health has provided extensive information to doctors in three letters from the Chief Medical Officer, as well as a question-and-answer paper which provides doctors with information to answer parents' questions. This explains why we believe an epidemic of measles is imminent, as well as the contra-indications and the possible adverse events that may occur in a very small proportion of children. An information leaflet for parents was carefully evaluated in one health district before being distributed. The surveillance we plan is an integral and responsible part of the campaign.

Responding to the concerns of some communities, the Chief Medical Officer met community leaders of religious faiths this week and gave them all the available information. There was general agreement on the value of continuing childhood immunisations, using the presently available vaccines, and also that every effort should be made to promote the development of alternative vaccines to those where foetal cell lines have been used (report, November 2).

We know that rubella infection continues to circulate, especially amongst young men, thereby infecting susceptible pregnant women. Is it ethical to withhold rubella vaccine when we know it is safe and effective?

Yours sincerely,
JEREMY METTERS,
Deputy Chief Medical Officer,
Department of Health,
Richmond House, 79 Whitehall, SW1.
November 3.

From Dr Elizabeth Miller

Sir, To suggest that the current immunisation campaign against measles and rubella is an "experiment" [Dr Nicholson's letter] is incorrect and the consequences of this suggestion could be most unfortunate. The vaccines to be used have been given to millions of children world wide and their safety and efficacy are beyond doubt.

Very few medical interventions used routinely in hospitals and surgeries can boast this degree of certainty about the beneficial outcomes. The only uncertainty about the present campaign is whether the UK can match the high level of uptake that has been achieved in non-industrialised countries, where such campaigns have been used successfully to control measles.

This was the context in which my statement in the *British Medical Journal* "that the campaign approach has not been tried before in an industrialised country" was made. The public health benefits if high uptake is achieved are not in doubt.

Yours sincerely,
E. MILLER
(Head of Immunisation Division),
Public Health Laboratory Service,
61 Colindale Avenue, NW9.
November 3.

From Sister M. F. Orchard, Headmistress of St Mary's School Ascot, and others

Sir, As headteachers of independent Catholic schools, we write to express our willingness to participate in the Government's measles/rubella vaccination campaign (letters, October 28, 31, November 3). We know of no Catholic bishop or headteacher who has said using the vaccine is immoral: even those heads boycotting the campaign are suggesting that girls be vaccinated, a distinction we find strange.

While individual parents may choose to refuse vaccination in order to make a protest about the future use of aborted foetal tissue, we feel it is inappropriate for schools to make such a protest. We do not approve of withdrawing medical protection from our pupils as a way of making protests.

Withdrawing our co-operation from the Department of Health is something which we would only do in the gravest of circumstances and at the positive urging of our bishops. Instead, we will ask Catholic medical and moral experts to work with the Department of Health to revise the guidelines that regulate the use of foetal tissue.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCES ORCHARD,
SIMON BARROW (The Oratory School),
AIDAN BELLENGER (Downside),
D. St J. GOGARTY
(St John's Beaumont, Old Windsor),
CHRISTOPHER JAMISON
(Worth Abbey, Crawley),
JOHN MURPHY (Farleigh, Andover),
JEAN SINCLAIR (St Leonards-Mayfield),
St Mary's School Ascot,
Ascot, Berkshire.
November 3.

From Dr K. W. Fogarty

Sir, As an old Amplefordian and a parent I was dismayed at the decision of the headmasters of Ampleforth and its junior school to ban rubella vaccine.

The number of rubella-associated terminations of pregnancy fell nationally from 738 in 1971 to ten in 1990 and the number of rubella-damaged babies from 95 cases to seven.

In Northampton recently there have been 20 cases of measles in one school. Ninety-five per cent of the parents offered the vaccine accepted. It is to be hoped that the parents and boys at Ampleforth reach a similar conclusion.

Yours sincerely,
K. W. FOGARTY,
337 Billing Road East,
Northampton.
October 31.

From Dr J. A. D. Ewart

Sir, Physicians who disregard experiments involving torture (Professor Healy's letter, October 28) are presuming that the victims would want their sufferings to have been in vain. This is dubious, to say the least.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. D. EWART,
Delgany, Solesbridge Lane,
Chorleywood,
Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

Falklands sovereignty

From the Chief Executive of the Falkland Islands Government

Sir, It is worth emphasising in the current atmosphere of interest in the future of the Falklands that the islands are economically self-sufficient, even without the discovery of one litre of oil.

The excellent Shackleton report of the late 1970s has paved the way for a transformation in the economy which has led to a burgeoning private sector and increasing evidence of true entrepreneurial flair where 20 years ago the economic system could have been described as feudal.

Admittedly our economy could not yet support the annual cash cost of the garrison here but the true marginal cost of that garrison — i.e., the additional cost incurred by the UK of being here rather than elsewhere — is a far lower figure, and in the medium term we may well be able to afford to cover that expense.

In addition the Falkland Islands are far more than "a couple of hundred small islands off the Argentina coast" (leader, November 3). We are the obvious natural gateway to Antarctica, which is the last truly unexplored continent. We have potentially substantial non-Opec oil reserves which some scenarios portray as being of considerable political benefit to the Western world.

We possess a stable European-type culture and speak the business language of the modern world — assets which have significant benefit considering our strategic position 300 miles from the South American coast, and we possess a world-class fishing resource, the management and control of which is an acknowledged leader in its field.

The British public has every reason to feel as positive about the Falklands as the Islanders do about Britain.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW GURR, Chief Executive,
Falkland Islands Government,
The Secretariat,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Booker dispute

From Mr Paul Bazalgette

Sir, Doubtless Dr Alastair Niven (letter, November 2) has his judge's copy of James Kelman's book, *How Late it Was, How Late*. But, for those less privileged, Messrs Hatchards, of Piccadilly are offering it at 25 per cent discount. How soon it is, how soon.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL BAZALGETTE,
Rother Cliff, Point Hill, Rye, Sussex.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Traffic troubles

From Mr Roger Hicks

Sir, It is increasingly rare to see drivers indicating that they intend to change lanes on a motorway prior to popping out into the safety zone between you and the car in front (Mr Clarke's letter, October 31). It is apparent that indicators now have only one meaning, that being "I'm pulling in on the double-yellows outside the paper shop for a minute".

Yours etc,
ROGER HICKS,
68 Deer Park Drive,
Arnold, Nottingham.
November 2.

Rooks and crows

From Mr John White

Sir, The late Bernard Miles, in his "Hertfordshire farm labourer" pre-Mermaid theatre days, had a nice paraphrase of Derwent May's informative article, "Rookie on how to identify a crow" (October 29): "A crow in a crowd is a rook; a rook on its own is a crow".

Yours truly,
JOHN WHITE,
Highfield, 14 Lancaster Avenue,
Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire.

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Divided loyalties in the New Forest

From the Earl of Malmesbury

Sir, I read your report, "Pressure for change rejected in all but three shire counties" (October 27), with mixed feelings. Those like me with family roots which go back for generations in a particular shire will have felt relief that the wholesale abolition of county government, confidently predicted a year ago, has not taken place, as the Local Government Commission has found a strong sense of identity with counties and an opposition to widespread structural change.

When I came to the recommendations for my own county of Hampshire, however, I felt myself pulled in two directions. The commission has recommended the creation of three new unitary authorities, for Portsmouth, Southampton, and the New Forest, with the rest of the county continuing with the present two-tier system.

For generations my family has been associated with the New Forest. I had the honour of serving as official verderer of the forest from 1966, and as chairman, and later president, of its Ninth Centenary Trust. I am intensely aware of the uniqueness of the forest and of its strong sense of identity. But equally my family is a Hampshire family. When I became lord lieutenant in 1973 I was following in the footsteps of my great-great-grandfather who held the same position from 1807 to his death in 1820.

This sense of divided loyalties which I felt seems to me to demonstrate the folly of the whole exercise. Hampshire and the New Forest belong together. Forest decisions need to be taken by forest people — the much-valued district council or the Court of Verderers as appropriate. But other policies need to be developed within the wider arena of Hampshire, of which the forest makes up so important a part, with the forest's elected representatives contributing.

The commissioners' report states that the proposed new structure will cost more, both to set up and to run. Where is the money to come from? I fear that we will end up paying more and getting less, both in the forest and in the rest of Hampshire.

Yours truly,
MALMESBURY
(Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, 1973-82),
The Coach House, Greywell Hill,
Basingstoke, Hampshire.
November 4.

Prime primitives

From Mr Neville Shulman

Sir, Dr Bruce Charlton ("Trapped in our Stone Age bodies", Body and Mind, November 1) would do well to study the natives of Irian Jaya (New Guinea), Indonesia. They continue to survive and thrive in absolute primitive conditions, yet retain their wonderful humour and free spirit which so-called civilised peoples relinquish at their peril.

Next week I am climbing Carstensz Pyramid in Irian Jaya to raise funds for the Red Cross and their vital work in Rwanda and will bring back my findings to aid Dr Charlton's research.

Yours truly,
NEVILLE SHULMAN,
4 St George's House,
15 Hanover Square, W1.
November 1.

A matter of privilege

From Sir Ian Percival, QC

Sir, In his letter of November 4 Mr Peter Preston, Editor of *The Guardian*, has given us quite an insight into his mind. His "smart Alec" first paragraph does him little credit, will amuse few, and impress even fewer.

His second paragraph evidences his own confusion. And his third shows beyond doubt that he does consider himself above the law: his credo is apparently that if something is in his view necessary, he may, indeed should, do it albeit against the law. It is a mistake that others have made before him.

The dangerous thing about all of this is surely that such as Mr Preston, and unhappily others entrusted with the same powers and responsibilities as he is, cannot or will not see the danger.

Both Willie Rees-Mogg and you, Sir, have done your profession and society a real service, he by spelling it out so clearly and you by giving it such prominence. In time your profession, as well as society, will be grateful to you — as so many of us are now.

Yours etc,
IAN PERCIVAL,
5 Paper Buildings,
Temple, EC4.
November 4.

Not for burning?

From Mr Michael Thompson

Sir, In view of the low esteem in which the present Parliament is held, would it not be appropriate this year to celebrate rather than incinerate the late Guy Fawkes?

Yours etc,
MICHAEL THOMPSON,
Gilbert Thompson Associates,
Hawthornehill, Whitmore,
Newcastle-under-Lyme,
Staffordshire.
November 4.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 4: *The Duke* of York this evening attended the Greenwich Hospital *Tercentenary Banquet* in the Painted Hall, Royal Naval College, Greenwich, London SE10. Captain Neil Blair RN was in attendance.
November 4: The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, this morning opened the Computer Unit for Bureaux Support at the Shaftesbury Centre, *Percy Street, Swindon*, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-*Lieutenant for Wiltshire* (Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs).

Her Royal Highness later opened the Aerosol Gasket and Cupseal Production Unit and Truck Tyre Manufacturing Facility, Avon Rubber, Bath Road, Melksham.

The Princess Royal, Patron, the National Autistic Society, this evening attended the Reception to launch the society's South West Appeal at Merchants' *Hall*, the Promenade, Clifton, Bristol, and was received by *Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for* Avon (Sir John Wills, Bt).

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.
CLARENCE HOUSE
November 4: Lieutenant-Colonel Robin Hodges today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Regiment, upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion.

Lieutenant-Colonel Clive Hodges also had the honour of being received *by Her Majesty upon assuming his* appointment as Commanding Officer *of the 1st Battalion The King's* Regiment.
KENSINGTON PALACE
November 4: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Turning Point, this afternoon attended a Luncheon to launch the charity's Thirtieth Anniversary Appeal at the Churchill Inter-Continental, 30 Portman Square, London W1. Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

November 4: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon visited Newcastle upon Tyne and was *received by Her Majesty's Lord*-Lieutenant for Tyne and Wear (Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison).

Her Royal Highness opened Portland House, the new Principal Office of Newcastle Building Society, in New Bridge Street.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, this evening visited an *Art Exhibition in aid of the Society*, at the Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place.

Her Royal Highness subsequently attended a Reception given by the *National Society for the Prevention of* Cruelty to Children at Close House, Wylam, Northumberland, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Northumberland (The Viscount Ridley, KG).

The Lady Glenconner and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.
November 4: The Duchess of Gloucester, Sponsor, *HMS Gloucester*, was present at a Service of Re-Dedication at Royal Naval Dockyard *Portsmouth, Hampshire*.

The Duke of Gloucester, Trustee, *British Museum, and The Duchess of* Gloucester were present this evening *at the opening of the new Mexican* Gallery at the British Museum, London WC1. Mrs Euan McCorquodale and Major Nicholas Barne were in attendance.
YORK HOUSE
November 4: *The* Duke of Kent, Patron, Trinity College of Music, this morning presided at a presentation ceremony, the Wigmore Hall, London W1. Captain Alexander Tetley was in attendance.
THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 4: Princess Alexandra was represented by Major Sir Peter Clarke at the Memorial Service for Dame Margaret Wakehurst which was held today at St Simon Zelotes Church, Milner Street, London SW3.

Royal engagement

TODAY: The Princess of Wales will attend the Wales Festival of Remembrance at St David's Hall, Cardiff, at 6.40.

Baptism

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Gary Swinburn was baptised Bethany Ann by Father Ian Robertson at *St John's, Kirk* Merrington, on October 23.

Luncheons

Lloyd's Register
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by *Mr Alderman and Sheriff Richard* Nichols, was the guest of honour at *a luncheon given yesterday at* 71 Fenchurch Street by Mr Patrick *O'Ferrall, Chairman of Lloyd's* Register, senior staff, Lloyd's Register Board and Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Board. Among *others present were:*
The Ambassadors of Korea, Mexico and China, Baroness Platt of Writtle, the *Chairman of P&O Steam Navigation* Company, Sir Alan Donald, the Chairman of John Swire and Sons, the *Vice-Chancellor of Surrey University*, the Vice-Chancellor of Portsmouth University, the Chairman of the Royal *Shakespeare Company, the Principal of* the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, the Dean of St Paul's, the *Chairman of Shell UK, the Chairman of* the Baltic Exchange, the Director-General of the Chamber of Shipping and *the Chairman of Matheson and* Company

Leonard Cheshire Foundation
General Sir Geoffrey Howlett, Chairman, held a luncheon party at the Naval and Military Club *yesterday in honour of Sir Peter* Ramsbotham, GCMG, GCVO, on *his retirement as a trustee of the* Leonard Cheshire Foundation. *Lady Ramsbotham and Baroness* Ryder of Warsaw, CMG, OBE, *were amongst those present.*

Reception

HM Government
Lord Rodger of Earlsferry, QC, the Lord Advocate, was host yesterday at *a reception given in Edinburgh* Castle by Her Majesty's Government *to mark The Moot and Conference* under the auspices of the Franco-*British Lawyers Society.*

Memorial services

Dame Margaret Wakehurst
Princess Alexandra was represented by Major Sir Peter Clarke at a service in remembrance and thanksgiving for the life of Dame Margaret Wakehurst (the Dowager Lady Wakehurst) held yesterday at St Simon Zelotes Church, Milner Street, London, SW3. The Rev Gerwyn James officiated and the Hon David Loder, son, read a prayer by John Donne.

The Hon Robert Loder, son, read the lesson. Ms Lois Graessle gave an address and Lord Wakehurst, son, read a tribute by *Hermione Countess of Ranfurly.*

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland was represented by Mr Marcus Dodds. Among others present were:
The Hon Mrs Reader-Harris (daughter), Lady Wakehurst and the Hon Mrs Robert Loder (daughters-in-law), the Hon Timothy Loder, Mr and the Hon Mrs Desmond MacCarthy, Mr Michael Reader-Harris and Mr and Mrs Erik Van Hove (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Charles Sebag-Montefiore, Mrs Diana Tennant, Lady Tennant, Mr Benedict Colman, Sir Giles and Lady Loder, the Hon Christopher Tennant, Miss Georgia Tennant, Mr Hugh Tennant and other members of the family.
Catherine Countess of Clanwilliam, Lady Richard Percy, Lord and Lady Crathorne, Lord Rossmore, Lord Vesey (*Order of St John*), *the Hon Lady* Stephenson, the Hon Lady Wakefield, the Hon Moyra Campbell, the Hon *Fiona Campbell, the Hon Raymond* Bonham Carter, the Hon Charlotte Dugdale, the Hon Mrs Blacker, the *Hon Mrs Fionn Morgan, the Hon Mrs* Coles, Helen Lady Delves Broughton, Sir Gilbert Longden, Sir Brian Warren, *Sir Harold and Lady Atcherley, Sir* Humphrey and Lady Potts, Dr S G Svenson and Dame Beryl Grey.
Mr Marshal Cholmondeley Clarke, Miss Linda Kitson, Mrs Helen Bromovsky, Mr and Mrs C T Isolani, Mrs Nicholas Baring, Mrs James Ford, Mrs Reily Collins, Surgeon Captain B Weston, Mr Peter de Vere Beauclerk-Dewar, Mr Christopher Lubbock, Mr Brian Blacker, Mr Andrew Lubbock, Miss Jenny Mackilligin, Mrs Gerwyn James, Mr and Mrs John Percival, Miss Rose Adeane, Mrs S Loder, Mr and Mrs Walter Goetz, Mrs V Ker, Mrs Veronica Linklater, Mr Gordon Major, Mr Michael Ridley.
Mr Barry Theobald-Hicks (St John Historical Society), Mrs E Norman-Butler (representing the Board of Governors of the English-Speaking Union), Mr Peter Wilson (Royal Ballet Benevolent Fund), Mr Nicholas Lines and Mrs Gordon Major (National Schizophrenia Fellowship) and Ms Marie Curry (Lennox Gardens Residents' Association).

Dr Cyril Cusack
A memorial Mass of thanksgiving for the life of Dr Cyril Cusack was concelebrated yesterday at the Church of Corpus Christi, Covent Garden, by Father John McDonald, National Chaplain, Catholic Stage Guild, Father Michael Johnston, who gave the homily, Father Desmond Sheehan, Father Denis Nottingham, Father William O'Donovan and Mgr George Tancred. Mr Joseph O'Connor and Miss Louise Lister read the opening and bidding prayers.

Mr Padraig Cusack, son, and Miss Catherine Cusack, daughter, who also read the Actors' Prayer, read the lessons. Miss Kitty Fitzgerald, a member of the Catholic Stage Guild, read a poem by Dr Cusack.

The choir of the Church of Our Lady of Grace and St Edward sang the O'Riada Mass and Mrs Nicola Garty, violin, played traditional Irish airs. Among others present were:
Mrs Cusack (widow) and Miss Sinead Cusack (daughter), with many *friends and colleagues.*

Service dinners

HMS Ark Royal
To mark the completion of the fifth *Ark Royal's* first 10 years of operations, 1985-94 *Captain* T.W. Loughran, Commanding Officer, *HMS Ark Royal*, was the host at a dinner held last night on board for *previous commanding officers and* their ladies. Vice-Admiral Sir *James Weatherall and Rear-Ad*miral M.G.T. Harris, Rear-Admiral J.R. Brigstocke, Rear-Admiral N.E. Rankin and Rear-Admiral J.J. Blackham were also present.

The Royal Anglian Regiment
Major-General P.P.D. Stone, Colonel of The Royal Anglian Regi*ment, presided at a regimental* dinner held last night at the Naval *and Military Club. Mr R.J.* Juniper, Master of the Poulters' Company, was the principal guest.

Royal Corps of Signals
Major-General A.C. Birtwistle, Master of Signals, was present at *the annual dinner in Scotland of* the Royal Corps of Signals held *last night at the Western Club*, Glasgow.

Inns of Court and City Yeomanry
Colonel the Earl of Limerick presided at a dinner of past and present officers of the Inns of Court and City Yeomanry held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

RAF Regiment Officers' Dinner *Club*
Air Marshal Sir Roger Austin, *Controller Aircraft, was the* principal guest at the annual dinner of the RAF Regiment Officers' Dinner Club held last night at RAF Honington. Group Captain D J Salusbury presided and Air Commodore T.G. Thorn, Commandant General of the Regiment, also spoke.

Service luncheon

HMS Ark Royal
Captain T.W. Loughran, Commanding Officer, *HMS Ark Royal*, *was the host at a luncheon held on board yesterday for commanding* officers of the fourth *Ark Royal*, *1955-78. Among those present* were:
Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Michael Pollock, Admiral Sir Michael Layard, Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi, Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Anson, Rear-Admiral D.R.F. Campbell correct, Rear-Admiral J.O. Roberts, Rear-*Admiral J.R.S. Gerard-Pearse* and Rear-Admiral W.J. Graham.

Service reception

RAF Strike Command
Air Chief Marshal Sir William Wratten, Air Officer Commanding in Chief RAF Strike Command, and Lady Wratten received the guests at the Headquarters Strike Command annual reception held last night a RAF High Wycombe. Representatives of the Diplomatic Corps, HM Forces, local Government, professional organisations, the media and industry were *among the guests.*

Dinners

Greenwich Hospital Tercentenary
The Duke of York, Visitor of the Royal Hospital School, was the Guest of Honour at a Banquet presided over by The Secretary of State for Defence, the Right Hon Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Trustee of Greenwich Hospital, to celebrate the Tercentenary of Greenwich Hospital, in the Painted Hall at the Royal Naval College Greenwich last night. Among the 360 guests were:
Lord Henley (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State), *Admiral* of The Fleet The Lord Lewin, The First Sea Lord and Lady Bathurst, The Second Sea Lord and Lady Layard, Dr Gordon Mungeam (*Director Greenwich Hospital*), Dr and Mrs James Smith, Mr Michael Moss, Captain Neil Blair, RN, Commander Ian Wellesley-Harding, RN (Commander of the College), Mr and Mrs David Pearson, Mr and Mrs Michael Kirk (Headmaster of the Royal Hospital *School*) *and Rev and Mrs Roger* Devonshire.

Magdalen Society
Lord Blake was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Magdalen Society held last night at the House of Commons. Mr Iain Sproat, MP, was the host and Mr Gerald Bowden, chairman, presided. Mr Anthony Smith, President of Magdalen College, Oxford, also spoke.

Company of Merchant Adventurers of the City of York
Mr John Pratt, Governor of the Company of Merchant Adventurers of the City of York, presided at the annual venison *feast held yesterday at Merchant* Adventurers' Hall, York. Mr *Christopher Stewart-Smith, Junior* Warden, and Professor Ronald Cooke, Vice-Chancellor of York University, also spoke.

Chester Business Club
Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister of State for Overseas *Development*, was the guest of honour and principal speaker at a dinner of the Chester Business Club held last night at the Rowton Hall Hotel, Chester. Mr David Pickering, chairman, presided. Mr Hugh Jones and Mr Bob Clough-Parker, *secretary, also spoke.*

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.H. Chisholm and Miss J.E.C. Dow
The engagement is announced *between Daniel Hugh, son of* Dr and The Hon Mrs Duncan Chisholm, *of Stratton-on-the-Fosse*, Somerset, and Juliette Elizabeth *Chalmers, younger daughter* of Mr and The Hon Mrs John Dow, *of Woking, Surrey.*

Mr I.D. Goodall and Miss L. Cadmore
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Goodall, of New Malden, Surrey, and Lisa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Derrick Cudmore, *of Ilchester, Somerset.*

Mr S.P. Hetzel and Mrs H.J. Neve
The engagement is announced *between Simon, elder son of* Mr and Mrs David Hetzel, *of Playford, Suffolk*, and Hilary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Turner, of Bovey Tracey, Devon, previously of Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Mr J.E.B. Lockyer and Miss F.L.T. Pawson
The engagement is announced between James, only son of Mr and Mrs Jack Lockyer, of Treveighan, Cornwall, and Francesca, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Pawson, of Haggas Hall, Weeton, Yorkshire.

Mr J.S. Morrish and Miss G.S. Sinclair
The engagement is announced between James Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Morrish, *of Shiplake, Henley on Thames*, and Georgina Sarah, elder daughter *of Mrs George Sinclair and the* late Lieutenant Colonel George *Sinclair, of Farnham Common*, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J. Ogunleye and Miss E. Owolabi
The engagement is announced between James, son of Chief Ogunleye and the late Mrs Ogunleye, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Owolabi.

Mr D.G. Ruddock and Miss S.L. Watson
The engagement is announced between David George, only son of Mrs G.M. Ruddock, of Rosecare, St Genny's, Cornwall, and Sandra Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F.A.H. Watson, of Danehill, Sussex.

Mr J.W. Till and Dr B. Vieze
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Brigadier and Mrs John Till, and Brigitta, daughter of the late Mr Tibor Vicze and of Mrs Ida Vicze. The marriage will take place in Budapest, Hungary in June 1995.

Helen Lessore, RA

There will be an evening in memory of the late Helen Lessore, OBE, RA, at the Royal Academy of Arts at 7pm on Sunday, November 13, 1994, to which her friends and admirers are cordially invited. Those wishing to attend should inform the Secretary, Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1V 0DS, in writing.

The Wine & Spirit Education Trust

The Wine & Spirit Education Trust held their Annual Awards at Vintners Hall on Friday, November 4, 1994, attended by the Master of the Vintners' Company, Mr David Rutherford, OBE.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Mr Bryan Adams, singer, 35; Mr R.W. Annand, VC, 80; Sir John Bailey, former HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor, 60; Mr John Berger, author and art critic, 68; Mr E.R.H. Bowring, insurance broker, 79; the Right Rev F.W. Cocks, former Bishop of Shrewsbury, 81; Mr Art Garfunkel, singer and composer, 53; General Sir John Hackett, 84; Mrs Caroline Jackson, MEP, 48; Dr Paul Knapman, coroner for Westminster, 50; Mr Nicholas Maw, composer, 59; Mr John Morris, QC, MP, 63; Mr Lester Piggott, jockey and racehorse trainer, 59; Rear-Admiral Andrew Richmond, former executive director, RSPCA, 67; Mr Anthony Rolfe Johnson, tenor, 54; Mr Sam Shephard, actor, 51; Lord Stallard, 73; Sir William Stubbs, educationist, 57; Mr Ned Temko, editor, *Jewish Chronicle*, 42; Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC, President, Board of Deputies of British Jews, 51; Sir Anthony Tennant, chairman, Christie's, International, 64; the Earl of Yarborough, 31.

TOMORROW: Lord Avonside, 80; Dr J.P. Barber, Master, Hatfield College, Durham University, 63; Professor Lord Bauer, 79; Mr James T. Bowman, counter-tenor, 53; Mr Frank Carson, comedian, 68; Mr C.A. Christopher, trade unionist, 62; Mr David Exham, headmaster, Bloxham School, 50; Miss Sally Field, actress, 48; Mr K.B. Griffin, economist, 56;


Nigel Havers, the actor, is 43 tomorrow

Mr Bernat Klein, designer, 72; Mr Leonard Miall, research historian, 80; Mr David Montgomery, chief executive, Mirror Group Newspapers, 46; Admiral Sir Anthony Morton, 71; Mr Mike Nichols, film director, 63; General Sir David Ramsbotham, 60; Professor Sir Martin Roth, psychiatrist, 77; Sir Oliver Scott, radio-biologist, 72; Major-General James Scott Elliot, 92; Sir John Smith, former chairman, Sports Council, 74; Mr M.T. Thyne, headmaster, Fettes College, 52; Sir Gordon Whitteridge, diplomat, 86.

Church services tomorrow

Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity
BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP; *9.15 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Kelly in C, O* Lord increase our faith (Loosemore), O taste and see (Vaughan Williams), Rt Rev M Whinney; 4 Choral E, Responses (Sanders), Stanford in A, Greater love hath no man (Ireland).
BRISTOL CATHEDRAL: College Green, 7.40 M; 8 HC; 10 Choral Euch, *Ubi caritas (Duruflé), Missa O quam* gloriosum (Victoria), In paradisum (Duruflé), The Dean; 3 30 Choral E, Responses (Sumsion), Coll Reg (Howells), and I saw a new heaven (Bainton), Bishop of Bristol.
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, 9.30 M, Rev Dr J Watson; 11 S Euch, Missa Festiva (Peeters), Locus iste (Bruckner), Rev Dr D Matthews, 3.15 E, Responses (Holmes), Rubbra in A flat, Valiant for truth (Vaughan Williams); 6.30 Compline, The Dean.
CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: *10.30 S* Euch, O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Toccata Nona (Frescobaldi), Archdeacon *D Turnbull*; *3 E*, Responses (Reading), Purcell in G minor, I was glad (Purcell).
CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 10 Family Euch, Francis Jackson in E, *View me Lord (Richard Lloyd)*, O quam gloriosum (Vittoria), Canon J Newcome; 11.30 Choral M, Responses *(Peter Morris)*, *Leighton in D minor*, Give us the wings of faith (Ernest Bullock); 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Peter Morris), And I saw a new heaven (Bainton); 6.30 ES, Ven R Gillings.
CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: *8 HC; 10* M, Harwood in A flat, Responses (Reading), I know my soul hath power (Parry), The Treasurer; *11 S* Euch, Messe Solennelle (Langlais), Justorum animae (Stanford), Rev *Canon P Dominy*; *3.30 E, Purcell in G* minor, The souls of the righteous (Nares).
COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7 40 MP; 8 C; 10.30 Euch, Missa Brevis (Britten), *Come Holy Ghost (Thorpe-Davie)*, Rev G Morgan; 7 Fauré Requiem.
DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8, 11 HC, Heiligmesse (Haydn), Canon M Perry; 9.30 M, Canon D Hodgson; 3.30 E, Watson in E, How beauteous are their feet (Stanford).
ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, *Rev Dr F Watts*; *3.45 E*; 6.30 Taizé Service, Canon C Farrington.
LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 S Euch, The Chancellor; 4 Choral E, The Treasurer.
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8, 12.30 HC; 8.45 M; 9.30 Family Service; 11.15 Solemn Requiem, Ven B Lucas; 3.45 E, The Chancellor.
LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; *10.30 S Euch, Preb A Williams*; *3.30 E*.
LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Euch, Canon M Wolfe; 3 Merchant Navy Service, Canon M Boyling; 4 HC.
MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; *10.30 S Euch, Canon J* Atherton; 6.30 E, Rev B Twidell.
SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 Euch, V Rev H Dickinson; *11.30 M*; *3 E*.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch, Rev Canon R Royle; 3 E, Dyson in F, Bishop of Croydon.
TRURO CATHEDRAL: *8 HC; 9 M; 10 S* Euch; 11.30 Remembrance Service; 6 E, The Chancellor.
WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, V Rev R Lewis; 11.30 M; 3 E, *Preb R Flower.*
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Canon A Harvey; 11.15 Abbey Euch, *Rev P Ferguson*; *3 E*, Gloucester Service (Howells), Rev Canon R Wintle; 6.30 ES, Canon A Harvey.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 M; 10.30 SM; 10 MP; 3.30 *SV & B*.
WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Rev C Stewart; 11.30 Euch; 3.30 E, Bishop of Basingstoke.
YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Canon R *Metcalfe*; *11.30 M*; *4 E*, Canon R Hockley.
ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, The Dean; 3.30 Choral E.
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10 LM; 11.30 SM, Fr A Barratt; 6 M, Centennial Dedication, Papal Nuncio Archbishop L Barbarito.
ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 *MS, Rev Dr J Newell*; *10, Missa brevis*, Rev J Cuthbertson; 11.30 MS, Rev J Cuthbertson; 8 ES, Rev Dr J Newell.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8, 11.30 HC; 10.30 M, Rev Canon S *Platten.*
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 SC; 11 Choral Euch, Bishop Luzcombe; 6.30 Choral E, St Paul's Service (Howells), The Provost.
ALL SAINTS, *Margaret Street*, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Rt Rev D Arden; 6 E&B, Dean of St Paul's.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9 C; 11, 6.30, Rev R Simpson.
AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: *11 Missa lauda sion (Palestrina).*
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 10 Childrens; 10.55 M, Harvey *Thomas CBE*; *12.15 HC*; *6 E*, Rev P Elvy.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30, Rev S Hood; 12.20 HC.
FARM STREET, W1: *7.30, 8.30, 10*, 12.15, Fr V Hawe, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.
HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Rev S *Millar*; *11 Guest Service, Mr J* Jennings; 5, 7.30 Informal, Rev S Downham.
MAGDALEN COLLEGE CHAPEL, Oxford: 11.30 S Euch; 6 Choral E.
THE ORATORY, *Brompton Road*, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev Dr J Newton.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30, Rev Dr R John Tudor.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral Euch; 6.30 Choral E, Canon J *Oates.*
ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 S Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Ave verum corpus (Mozart), Rev B McAvoy.
ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF ***SCOTLAND***, Pont Street, SW1: 11, Rev W A Cairns, 6.30 Rev J McIndoe.
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, The Rector.
ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Rev B Wilson; 6 Choral E & Healing service.
ST JOHN'S CHURCH, Stratford E15: 11 Family C, Rev J Richardson.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 9.45 Family C; 11 S Euch, Rev J Yates.
ST MARGARET'S, *Westminster, SW1*: 11 S Euch, Rev J Goodall.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8, 12.30 HC, Rev W Baichford; 9.45 Euch, St Martin's service (Stringer), Rev K *Pound*; *11.30 Visitors*, *Rev J Pridmore*; 2.45 Chinese, Rev G Lee; 5 Choral E; 6.30 ES, Rev B Schunemann.
ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, Kensington, W8, 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 Euch, The Vicar; 11.15 Choral M, Rev I Robson; 6.30 E, Rev F Celli.
ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Rev L van der Pump; 6 Choral E.
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev C Courtauld.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 11, Missa O quam gloriosum est regnum (Victoria), Fr D B Tillyer.
ST STEPHEN'S, *Gloucester Road*, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 SM, Canon C Colven; 6 EP & B.
CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M, Responses (Smith), Short Service (Weelkes), Rev [illegible]
CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 S Euch, Rev E Watt.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 M; 11 Choral Euch; 3.30 E.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley *Street, W1*: *8.15 HC*; *11 S Euch*, Rev S Hobbs.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 S Euch, Stanford in B flat, Rev P Thomas.
GUARDS CHAPEL, *Wellington* Barracks, SW1: 11 Choral HC, Rev A Dean.
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BIRTHS

APTHORP - On September 14th at St Thomas' Hospital, London, to Hélène (née du P. Menagé) and Charles, a son, George Hugh Richard.

BIRKS - On 2nd November, in Norwich, to Deborah (née Everitt) and Alexander, a *beautiful daughter*, Elissia Caitlin Ashton

GAMBLE - On 3rd November, to Rebecca (née Odell) and Hugh, a daughter, Emily Jessica Alice.

GIEDROYC - On October 30th 1994, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Dorothee (née Jung) and Miko, a son, Jan Tadeusz Friedrich William, a brother for Anna.

GRANT - On 2nd November, to Virginia (née Russell) and Francis, a daughter, *Elizabeth Charlotte.*

GUTHRIE - On October 13th *at the Royal Maternity* Hospital, Glasgow, to Rachel (née Pateman) and Roger, a daughter, Eilidh Victoria Rose.

HALLIWELL - *On November* 3rd, at The Rosie Hospital, Cambridge, to Anne (née Erskin) and Jonathan, a daughter, Lydia Anne. A sister for Freddie and Florence.

JOHNSON - *On October 6th*, to Sally (née Robinson) and Robin, a beautiful daughter, Alice May

MARTIN - On November 1st, to *Philippa (née Riseley-*Prichard) and John, a daughter, Harriet Victoria.

McGUIRE - On November 2nd 1994, to Judy (née Ang) and Edmund, *a son, Fergal* John.

O'BRIEN - On October 26th, to Catherine (née Townley) and William, a son, James. *An East Anglian.*

SHUKMAN - On 3rd *November, at home, to* Jessica (née Pryce-Jones) and David, a daughter, Kitty (Catherine) Thérèse, a sister for Jack and Harry. Many thanks to Tricia.

TYSOE - On 17th October, to Emma (née Battman) and John, a son, Barnaby John, a brother for Olivia.

WILLIAMS - On 28th October, to Jacqueline (née Cundy) and Simon, a daughter, Megan Briony, a sister for Angus.

DEATHS

ARKWRIGHT - On November 3rd, Edward Peter, aged five weeks, son of Martin and Amanda

BEGG - On November 1st 1994, suddenly at his London home, Alastair Currie Begg. Most dearly *loved husband of Patricia* and father of Camilla and Andrew; beloved only son of Rosemary Smith and the late Henry Begg. For directions *concerning the funeral* arrangements please contact Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough, tel: (0892) 655000.

FLEMING - On November 3rd, peacefully at home, Rear-Admiral Sir John Fleming, KBE, DSC, aged 90. Funeral Service at St Bartholomew's Church, *Haslemere, on November* 10th at 12 noon. Donations to the RNLI, West Quay Road, Poole BH15 1HZ, are invited. Enquiries to Luff's, (0428) 643524.

NASH - Peacefully in Ipswich Hospital, on 3rd November 1994, Peter Harlopp Nash, aged 84. Funeral Service on Thursday 10th November at *midday at St Mary's Parish* Church, East Bergholt, Suffolk.

O'REILLY - Eugene Patrick O'Reilly *died on October 31st* at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London. Much loved and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Funeral Service at 11 am Thursday November 10th at St George's College, *Weybridge Flowers* and enquiries to T.H Sanders & Sons Ltd., 12-14 Medfield Street, Roehampton, London SW15 4JZ (081-789 6855).

REID - At Peterhead Community Hospital, *on* Thursday November 3rd 1994, Albert Reid, aged 79 *years, of Albert* Hotel, 75 Queen Street, Peterhead. Dearly loved husband of Christian Stephen, a dear father, father-in-law, granda, and great-granda. Service in The Old Parish Church, Peterhead, on Monday November 7th *at 2 pm*, to which all friends are respectfully invited, *thereafter* to Balmoor Cemetery. No callers please

RÉMY - Claude. On November 11, in Montreal, Canada after a courageous battle against lung cancer, died at age 53. He was a Regional Director of the Commercial Communications Division of Marconi, Canada for 32 years. Leaves his *wife Nicole*, his two daughters Chantal and Isabelle, his parents, a *brother, two sisters*, many relatives, friends and colleagues. A divine service was held on November 4. Donations may be addressed to the *Montreal General* Hospital Oncology Department C/O Dr. J. Viallet, 1650 Cedar Ave., Montreal, P. Q. Canada H3G 1A4.

ROOT - On 1st November 1994, *suddenly at home*, Margaret Eleanor, aged 88 years, widow of Frederick, much loved mother of Marilyn and Hilary and devoted grandmother. Private cremation. Memorial Service to be held at St Bartholomew's Church, Haslemere, Surrey, on Monday *21st November* at 2.30 pm. Donations, if desired, in aid of The National Trust c/o J. Gorringe & Son, 56 Hare Lane, Farncombe, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 3EF, tel: (0483) 416403.

SHAW - Esta, widow of Joe, on 3rd November. Dearly *loved* mother of Lita, David and Richard

SPENCER - On 3rd November 1994, peacefully at The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, Judith, beloved wife of William and much loved mother of *Richard*, Timothy and Vanessa. Dearly loved by her five grandchildren. Funeral for immediate family only, but donations, if desired, for *Cancer Research may be sent* c/o Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6NY, tel: (0483) 67333.

VALENTINE - Robert (Uncle Bobby). Devoted brother of Abigail, Jane and Catherine, passed *away* Thursday November 3rd. Will be sadly missed by his sisters and *three* generations of nieces and nephews. Cremation, Hoop Lane, NW11, on Sunday November 6th at 10am

VIGUS - On Thursday 3rd November 1994, peacefully in The Evelyn Hospital, *Cambridge; Robert (Bob) of* Grantchester, beloved husband of Peggie and dear brother of Doris, Geoff and Frank. Funeral Service at The Parish Church of St Andrew & St Mary, Grantchester, on Friday *November 11th at 2.30 pm*, followed by interment in the churchyard. Flowers or if wished donations may be sent to The New MacMillan Day Care Centre in Cambridge, may be sent to H J Paintin Ltd., 43 High Street, *Linton, Cambridge* CB1 6HS

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FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

COX - Anthony David Machell. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Kirtlington, Oxon, on Thursday 10th November 1994 at 12 noon. Memorial Service at University College Chapel, Oxford, on Saturday 21st January 1995 at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Sleep Research Fund (*ventilation*) Osler Chest Unit, Churchill Hospital c/o Arthur W. Bruce Ltd., 29 Rogers Street, Summertown, Oxford.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CONRAN-SMITH - The Memorial Service for Rosie Conran-Smith will be held at 2 30 pm on Friday 18th November at Belhaven Parish Church, Dunbar.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

CHANDLER - Edwin George C.B.E. *6th November 1991.* So dearly loved and so sadly missed by Iris.

DRAKE - Molly, remembered with love on her birthday. *Also her beloved husband* Rodney and son Nick.

FARRAR - Susie. Loving thoughts today, your birthday, and always. Mum, *Rosie, Robert and family.*

THEOBALD - John Frederick, who passed away on Easter Monday 1993, remembered today, by his family and *friends* on this his 80th Birthday

THOMPSON - (Lady) Hilda A., died 6th November 1993. "When you think you are a long way from me, I am often quite near".

THORPE - Lewis (5th November 1913 - 10th October 1977). In grateful memory of a generous scholar.

YOUNG - Frank, 5/11/92. *Always in my life. Morag.*

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

BLOCK - A *Service of* Thanksgiving for the life of Major-General Adam Block, C.B., *C.B.E., D.S.O. (Ret'd)* will be held on Monday 28th November 1994 at All Hallows Church, Whitchurch, Hampshire, at *2.30 pm. Friends and family* are all welcome.

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LEGAL NOTICES

ANSPEC SERVICES LIMITED. Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at Albert Chambers, 221/223 Chingford Mount Road, London, E4 8LP, on 18/11/94 at 11am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 & 101 of the said Act. A list of the names & addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co. address as above between 10am & 4pm as from 16/11/1994.
Dated: 31/10/94.
R.ANDERSON: Director.

COMPANY NUMBER 296032.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF CP NEWSPRINT LIMITED (FORMERLY KNOWN AS CANADIAN PACIFIC NEWSPRINT LIMITED)
Following a group reorganisation this company has ceased trading. As an integral part of the reorganisation of the above-named company was put into solvent liquidation by the members of the company on 1 November 1994. As such, all creditors with valid claims either have been, or will be, paid in full.
Notices that follow below are purely formal giving creditors notice of the liquidator's appointment and the steps creditors should take to register any claim they may have against the above named company.
On 1 November 1994 the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse, No1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the members.
The liquidator gives notice (pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986) that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of their debts or claims against the company, to the liquidator, at the above address by 30 November 1994 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
All known creditors have been, or will be paid in full.
1 November 1994
Anthony Victor Lomas
Liquidator

COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that C E I International Limited has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of redeeming redeemable preference shares. The amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares is £100,000 and the Resolution under Section 173 is dated 1 November 1994. The statutory declaration of the directors made under Section 173(3) and the auditors report required by that section are available for inspection at the company's registered office. The registered office of the company is 45 Crawford Place, London W1H 2AD. Any creditor of the company may, at any time within five weeks immediately following the date of the Resolution, apply to the court under Section 176 for an order prohibiting the payment.
3 November 1994

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE No.006191 of 1994. CHANCERY DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THOMPSON DIRECTORIES LIMITED -AND- IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 27th day of September 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by £22,136,636 from £26,136,636 to £4,000,000.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at The Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 16th day of November 1994.
ANY creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED THIS 3rd day of November 1994
Coudert Brothers
20 Old Bailey
London EC4M 7JP
Tel: 071 248 3000
Ref: MPC/SMB
Solicitors for the Company.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF COMMON LANE PROPERTIES LIMITED, COMMON LANE INVESTMENTS LIMITED, SANNOX PROPERTIES LIMITED, BROODWICK HOLDINGS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of creditors of the above-named companies convened under the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and held on 16 September 1994, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the companies.
Dated this 1st day of November 1994
M J CARTER
Liquidator.

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF SNAP INVESTMENTS PLC (IN LIQUIDATION)
On 31 October 1994 the company was placed in creditors voluntary liquidation. Alan John Barrett of Price Waterhouse, No1 London Bridge, London, SE1 9QL has been appointed liquidator.
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Claims need not be in any particular form, but creditors wishing to claim VAT bad debt relief are requested to complete the forms issued by the liquidator. The liquidator reserves his right to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.
Alan John Barrett
Liquidator
Dated 2 November 1994.

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF TRICOVILLE HOLDINGS LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
On 31 October 1994 the company was placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation. Alan John Barrett of Price Waterhouse, No1 London Bridge, London, SE1 9QL has been appointed liquidator.
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Claims need not be in any particular form, but creditors wishing to claim VAT bad debt relief are requested to complete the forms issued by the liquidator. The liquidator reserves his right to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.
Alan John Barrett
Liquidator
Dated 2 November 1994.

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF TRICOVILLE GROUP LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
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Claims need not be in any particular form, but creditors wishing to claim VAT bad debt relief are requested to complete the forms issued by the liquidator. The liquidator reserves his right to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.
Alan John Barrett
Liquidator
Dated 2 November 1994.

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF JACOMAR LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
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Claims need not be in any particular form, but creditors wishing to claim VAT bad debt relief are requested to complete the forms issued by the liquidator. The liquidator reserves his right to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.
Alan John Barrett
Liquidator
Dated 2 November 1994.

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF PARGE LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
On 31 October 1994 the company was placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation. Alan John Barrett of Price Waterhouse, No1 London Bridge, London, SE1 9QL has been appointed liquidator.
Creditors of the company are requested to send details, in writing, of their claims against the company to the liquidator at the above address.
Claims need not be in any particular form, but creditors wishing to claim VAT bad debt relief are requested to complete the forms issued by the liquidator. The liquidator reserves his right to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.
Alan John Barrett
Liquidator
Dated 2 November 1994.

OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR RICHARD ATKINSON

Richard Atkinson, CBE, Professor of Archaeology, University College, Cardiff, 1958-83, died on October 10 aged 74. He was born near Maiden Newton, Dorset, on January 22, 1920.



TALL and angular, hair never quite under control, glasses forever sliding down the nose and one thumb constantly kneading the palm of the other hand, Richard Atkinson was a shy, generous man who set new standards in archaeological investigation. He was an excavator and fieldworker, scholar, teacher and administrator, draughtsman and cabinet maker extraordinary.

His mastery of plain English reached its apogee in 1956 with *Stonehenge*, still the only accessible account of this overwhelming monument. His first book, *Field Archaeology* (1946), was written when he was only 26 yet it profoundly influenced future generations. At the time, critics claimed that this young man had not the experience to aspire to such authorship. Yet Atkinson had seen the need for such a book and written it.

Richard John Copland Atkinson was the eldest of three sons of Roland Atkinson, who farmed at Cattistock in Dorset. Educated until 17 at Sherborne School, his archaeological experience was developed in that part of the Wessex chalklands whose prehistory was to draw him throughout his life. It was probably Colonel C. D. Drew, whose uncovering of rich Roman buildings in Dorchester in 1938, introduced him to the fascinating discipline of excavation. The outbreak of war shortened Atkinson's degree course at Magdalen College, Oxford: as a conscientious objector he did grizzly duty with the London Emergency Services before being invalided out. Restored to health, he joined the staff of the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford in 1944.

So began his archaeological work on the Thames gravels, an ancient environment, like that of the chalk, the techniques for whose study were so well laid down in his book. In 1951 came the first volume in a planned series on his epoch-making excavations of neolithic ritual sites at Dorchester, Oxfordshire. This model presentation of complex sites, with its superb, trend-setting illustrations, established standards still followed.

Atkinson moved to Edinburgh University in 1949 to form, with Professor Stuart Piggott, an unusually inspiring teaching partnership. Promotion followed and in 1958 he was appointed to the new Chair at Cardiff, which he was to fill with increasing distinction until his retirement in 1983.

Back in 1952, Paul Johnstone had introduced archaeology to BBC Television. Inevitably Atkinson, a natural expounder and presenter, was drawn into this deeply influential medium. His genius for experimentation as a means of explanation fitted into television very well: his programme on Stonehenge unravelled some of the mysteries of its construction to a wide, fascinated audience. The BBC funded a dig at Silbury Hill, Wiltshire, in the mid-1960s and Atkinson was its scholarly, dynamic star.

Having an exceptional sense of duty and an infinite capacity for work, Atkinson was drawn gradually into administration: for the Council for British Archaeology, for his University College and then for the Ancient Monuments Boards for England and for Wales, becoming chairman of the latter in 1984. His great skills in this field led to his recruitment to the University Grants Committee in 1972; for his important report on the future of university libraries, he was appointed CBE in 1979. He liked administration and allowed more and more of it to fill his time. Fearing, quite without arrogance, that others might do it less well, he did it himself, superbly.

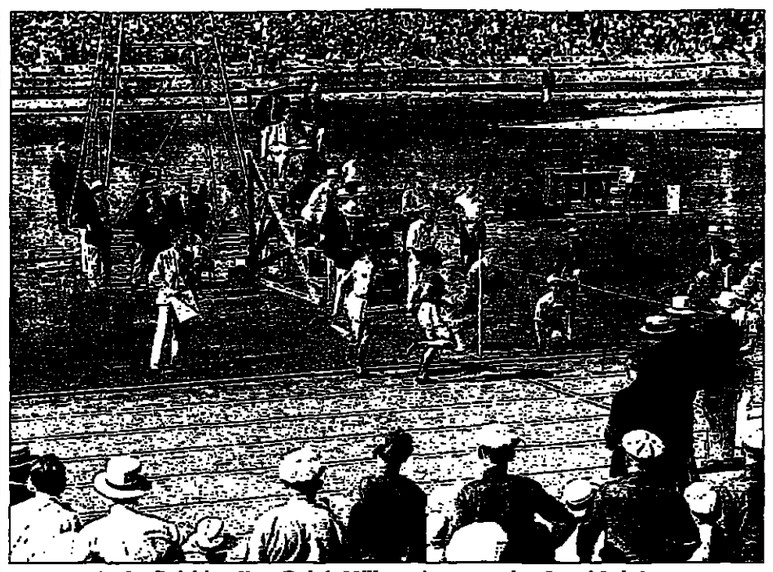
It is not true that Atkinson turned his back on archaeology from his arrival at the UGC. Only increasing ill-health during the 1980s prevented him from completing his work on Stonehenge and on Silbury Hill. Though he lost contact with archaeological colleagues for some years, he remained committed. Hence his expeditions to Brittany, undertaken with his wife, to measure prehistoric megalithic alignments and other structures in pursuit of the evidence they might hold for calendric and astronomical usage. If proof could be found, he would have been the first to accept such roles for Stonehenge.

What needed no proof was his astonishing discovery in 1953 of the carvings which adorned those great stones.

Practical and gifted with his hands, Atkinson will be remembered with affection for his cabinet and model-making and, especially, for the maroon 1920s Rolls-Royce whose bodywork he redesigned and had built. The famous radiator emblem he replaced with a silver-plated replica of the Early Bronze Age axe-head that had been found near Stonehenge while he was at work there.

Richard Atkinson enjoyed a lively but deeply loving marriage with Hester (née Cobb), whose pioneer work on sheltered accommodation for people recovering from mental diseases he strongly supported. She died in 1981. He is survived by his three sons and by his second wife, Judith (née Kelly).

RALPH HILL



At the finishing line: Ralph Hill coming second to Lauri Lehtinen during the 5,000 metre final at the Los Angeles Olympic Games, 1932

Ralph Hill, American athlete and silver medal winner in the 5,000 metres at the 1932 Olympic Games, died in Klamath Falls, Oregon, on October 17 aged 85. He was born on December 26, 1908.

IN THE history of the Olympic Games, few silver medallists have received greater honour than individual champions. Any heroism or gallantry are usually obscured by the fact that they were displayed in second place. But Ralph Hill came in second in the 5,000 metres at the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles only after his Finnish rival, Lauri Lehtinen, cut in front of him twice over the final 200 metres preventing him from racing through to win.

The result became one of the most controversial in Olympic history. And by his gracious acceptance of defeat, Hill secured his own niche in the story of the Games. Like many Olympic athletes, he had focused all his efforts on one supreme effort, which he never again matched.

Ralph Hill was brought up from the age of four in Klamath Falls and in 1931 graduated in business administration from the University of Oregon, later to become the centre of the American running boom of the 1970s. He was an impressive miler with a best time of 4 minutes 12.4 seconds, at a time when the world record was 4 minutes 9.2 seconds.

In 1932 he qualified easily for the Games by winning the US trials at Palo Alto in 14 minutes 55.7 seconds. However, he was not expected to challenge the Finns. On the final lap, as the pair wheeled into the home stretch, Hill started to overtake his opponent on the outside. However, the Finn blocked his path by swinging into the second lane. Hill gathered himself to pass his opponent on the inside, only for Lehtinen to move back into the first lane and again obstruct the American. The crowd was incensed.

Hill, his rhythm disturbed, could not manage another burst before the pair crossed the finishing line with Lehtinen winning by half a metre. Both men were given 14 minutes 30 seconds but the crowd booed and jeered, until the announcer, Bill Henry, a sports writer, asked for quiet, saying: "Remember, please, these people are our guests."

Avery Brundage, who later became president of the International Olympic Committee, was leading the American delegation and said that although the race was not fairly run, his country would not file a protest. Most independent observers were certain that if there had been a protest, it would have been upheld. The Swedish newspaper *Dagens Nyheter* wrote that Hill was "the hero of boys and girls who turn out for track and sports in every school."

Hill declined to comment publicly until many years later when he was asked at an Oregon track club gathering, if he thought he would have won the race if he had not been fouled. "You bet," he said. Thirteen days after the Olympic final, he raced Lehtinen in a rematch in Chicago. Lehtinen did not finish but Kosocinski defeated Hill by two seconds in a slow time.

Hill returned to Klamath Falls to become a farmer. He suffered from polio in 1953 and lost the use of his right arm but continued to operate machinery with his left hand until his retirement in 1980.

His two wives, Lois and Betty, predeceased him, and he leaves two sons and a daughter.

MAURICE MORAN



Maurice Moran, right, with Roger Burden

Maurice Moran, pantomime dame and revue artist, died from a heart attack in Great Yarmouth on October 29 aged 64. He was born in Lowestoft on August 29, 1930.

MAURICE MORAN was one half of the revue act Burden and Moran, an act which became something of an institution in British showbusiness over 30 years. As female impersonators they were in the same classic tradition as such Ensa favourites as Bartlett and Ross, Ford and Sheen.

Their performances every year as the Ugly Sisters in *Cinderella* frequently brought them to the attention of even the more highbrow critics: Kenneth Tynan once said that "they're over the top and epitomise true variety". They were often in demand at number one theatre dates and shared billing with Morecambe and Wise, Arthur Askey, Tommy Trinder, Ted Rodgers, Jim Davidson and other variety luminaries.

Maurice Moran started to develop his theatrical leanings working backstage at the Playhouse as an electrician in his home town of Lowestoft. His first minor success was in *A Taste of Honey* at the Little Theatre in Sheringham where he met his stage and business partner Roger Burden, with whom he lived for the next thirty years.

Both of them shared the same sense of humour and love of revue and decided to team together for a series of short shows at the same theatre. Their most notable act was appearing as two sophisticated "Bunny Girls". The act was fast and witty and they soon attracted an enthusiastic following among blue-rinsed matrons.

As Ugly Sisters they played some of Britain's leading provincial theatres. They produced and starred in their own summer shows at Skegness and Lowestoft, completing five seasons at Blackpool and seven at Great Yarmouth. Also to their credit were many appearances at the Players Theatre in London and in circus with the legendary clown Charlie Caroli at Blackpool. A television documentary about the two of them made with Mavis Nicholson for ITV in the 1970s brought them to the attention of a younger public, and once again they became the darlings of housewives who wanted to copy their outrageous dresses and mannerisms.

Last year they impersonated the late comedians Nervo and Knox from the Crazy Gang at the St George's Theatre in Great Yarmouth in the successful musical *Underneath The Arches*. Moran died there, after collapsing in the box office.

In his own right Moran was a great dame in the tradition of Douglas Byng, George Lacey and Clarkson Rose. His appearances on stage epitomised the true spirit of pantomime. He was a tireless worker for showbusiness charities.

Together with his business associate Paul Holman, Maurice Moran produced more than thirty Christmas shows and several summer seasons.

RABBI SHLOMO CARLEBACH

Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, Jewish folk singer, died from a heart attack in New York on October 20 aged 69. He was born in Berlin on January 14, 1925.

SHLOMO CARLEBACH was an ultra-orthodox hippie rabbi, known to the Jewish world as the Singing Rabbi. He scandalised the religious establishment by openly hugging and kissing women, instead of keeping them at a safe distance, but drew large numbers of young people to religion through his generous, all-embracing approach.

Carlebach travelled the world with his trademark guitar on which he accompanied his own compositions with a deep resonant voice. His musical renderings of biblical and liturgical verses became such standard fare at weddings and celebrations that a tune he composed was inadvertently "lifted" as traditional and used in the film *Leon the Pig Farmer*. The ensuing action was settled out of court.

Carlebach was the talented produce of an illustrious rabbinic family, rooted in the German-Jewish tradition of academic study. He had a fine mind and could have made a career as head of one of the rabbinical seminaries which he attended in and around New York.

Instead, after ordination in 1953, he moved over to the mystical and enthusiastic branch of Judaism, the Lubavitch hassidim, and headed a small community and outreach organisation for them. But his style was too free even for them and he parted company to go solo into the flower children decade and drug culture of the 1960s — not that he ever needed to take drugs himself. His vitality was innate.

Shlomo Carlebach left Germany as a child for Austria, when his father took up a post as rabbi of Baden, near Vienna. After Hitler's Anschluss of 1938 the family moved to the United States, where his father set up a small synagogue on New York's West Side.

He had always been musical but was discouraged from diverting his talent to anything so frivolous as a violin. Now he used his gift to reach out to "hidden Jews" — the secular, assimilated and alienated — and to bring them back



to religion through music, interspersed with texts and tales that made an emotional impact on many confused young spirits, searching for a meaning to life. His musical career climaxed at a folk festival in San Francisco in 1963, when he appeared alongside Bob Dylan and Joan Baez. For Dylan, he was always the only rabbi.

Carlebach spent the 1960s and 1970s based in San Francisco and New York, where he opened "hippie temples" or "houses of love and prayer," while travelling to venues, Jewish and non-Jewish, worldwide. He had an enthusiastic cult following in Britain, where he appeared last month at Ronnie Scott's night club in Soho.

In the last ten years, as his age and weight increased, younger Anglo-Jewish audiences tended to find the generation gap an embarrassment, and his manner had coarsened from the freshness of his youth. But he drove himself relentlessly and his sincerity was never in doubt.

Around 1980 he shut up shop in the US and moved with his followers to Israel to to start a settlement, Or Modi'in, near Lod. With his silver curls, cherubic beam and hearty bear hug, he was in the vanguard of the "return to Judaism" movement, the phenomenon of teenage and student children of secular Jews turning religious.

He was shunned as controversial by the Israeli religious establishment but his music was sung by people of all denominations and of none. He died of a heart attack 20 minutes into a flight from New York to Toronto, where his children lived with his former wife, Neila, to whom he remained close even after divorce. His two daughters survive him.

FASTEST FLIGHT EVER MADE

319 MILES AN HOUR

(From Our Aeronautical Correspondent.)

CALSHOT, Nov. 4

An officially timed speed of 319.57 miles an hour, equal to 514.308 kilometres, was attained by Flight-Lieutenant D'Arcy Greig here to-day, when flying the Supermarine-Napier seaplane over the standard three-kilometre course for air speed records. This is the highest speed at which man has ever flown under official observation, but it is not enough to give the five-mile margin required to establish a new record.

The task set Flight-Lieutenant Greig was to achieve, on an average of four runs over the course, a speed of about 324 miles an hour, in order to beat officially the record made by Major Bernhardi for Italy earlier this year of 318.62 miles an hour, and it is a disappointment that he has only beaten the Italian figure by .95 miles an hour, or 1.532 kilometres.

The pilot made six runs over the course, mainly because he was not satisfied with his first flight, and the regulations require that the average of four consecutive runs, two up and two down the course, should be taken.

It is generally understood now that, while the timed distance of three kilometres must be made in a level flight which starts 500 metres before entering the course, the regulations permit the pilot to dive on to the course from a height of about 1,300ft, and the chief interest to-day lay in the spectacle of this tiny aircraft, a mere dot against a background of cumulus cloud, hurtling down towards the sea at a speed of between 340 and 350 miles per hour.

We had been waiting since the early morning for this supreme moment, but while the sea was calm and wind light the sun could not dispel the mist until nearly 1.30. Then the graceful aircraft was brought out of its shed. The engine was run up, and when it was pronounced correct the machine was towed three miles into the Solent and the engine restarted, a somewhat difficult process on the water. Another wait occurred, and not until 2.15 did the large crowd of observers at the seaplane station see the tiny machine speed through the water, leaving an ever-diminishing line of white foam, until it soared upwards towards the distant clouds and turned in a wide circle far over the Isle of Wight . . .

Then came the first dive. We saw the pilot flying high to get maximum speed on the level, and then the seaplane seemed to sink rapidly through the air, so fast was it flying and so far away was it still. The dot swiftly grew in size. The trail of exhaust smoke, so rapid was its approach, remained as a track in the clear air, marking almost to a degree the angle of the dive on to a mark boat near Calshot Lightship. A thousand, five hundred, three hundred, feet, and still the tiny object sped towards the water.

Then almost imperceptibly, and with perfect judgment, the pilot turned the dive into level flight. The song of the engine was a crescendo of sound, and the dot became a blue and silver shape of infinite grace and concentrated power as it flashed past the watchers on the castle. It is idle to say it suggested its speed, but in less than 30 seconds it had approached, gone past, and was two miles or more away, rising once more at the other end of the course. The engine was now throttled; no trail of smoke indicated the angle and distance of the upward flight, and to the observer the machine seemed to rise vertically in the air at more than the speed of an express lift . . .

ON THIS DAY

November 5 1928

By today's standards a speed of 319mph does not seem anything to write home about, but this was 1928. Even 10 years later, with the Second World War approaching, Britain's newest fighters were in general not capable of achieving 350mph.

PERSONAL COLUMN

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF BELLAND FASHIONS LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
On 31 October 1994 the company was placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation. Alan John Barrett of Price Waterhouse, No1 London Bridge, London, SE1 9QL has been appointed liquidator. Creditors of the company are requested to send details, in writing, of their claims against the company to the liquidator at the above address. Claims need not be in any particular form, but creditors wishing to claim VAT bad debt relief are required to complete the form issued by the liquidator. The liquidator reserves his right to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.
Alan John Barrett
Liquidator
Dated 2 November 1994.

ROBERT SHERBURN FERDINANDO whose last known address was 6 Kymer Gardens, Haywards, Sussex, and whose present address is to the Purpose, hereinafter designed, meantime unknown, take notice:
FORM G 10
(rule 24.3(3))
Form of intimation to a party whose solicitor has withdrawn
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against ROBERT SHERBURN FERDINANDO, 6 Kymer Gardens, Haywards, Sussex, Defender.
Court Ref No: CA82/94.
The Court has been informed that your solicitors have ceased to act for you. As a result the Sheriff has ordered that you appear or be represented on 17th November 1994 at 10am within the Sheriff Court at the above address. A copy of the order is attached. When you appear you will be asked by the Sheriff to state whether you intend to proceed with your defence.
Date: 2nd November 1994
Signed: "KENNETH F. BROWN"
Solicitor, 25B Dundas Street, Edinburgh. Solicitor for the Pursuer
NOTE: IF YOU ARE UNCERTAIN WHAT ACTION TO TAKE you should consult a solicitor. You may also obtain advice from a Citizen Advice Bureau or other advice agency.
EDINBURGH 27th October 1994. The Sheriff, on Pursuer's Motion, there being no appearance by or on behalf of the Defender at the Diet fixed for new appoints the Pursuer forthwith to intimate this Incidentitor and Notice in Form G10 contained in the Ordinary Rule to the Defender by Newspaper Advert in Order that he may appear personally or be legally represented and assigned 17th November 1994 at 10am within the Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street, Edinburgh as a Diet, under certification that if he fails to appear personally or be legally represented the cause may proceed as undefended.
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NEWS

Heseltine offered to quit over Bill

■ Michael Heseltine was prepared to resign if a Bill to privatise the Post Office was defeated in the Commons. His "high wire" offer was turned down by the Cabinet at its 3½-hour meeting on Thursday.

The President of the Board of Trade offered to "go down with the ship" but despite winning backing from some Thatcherite ministers, he found himself outnumbered ..... Pages 1, 2, 18

Protesters climb on to Westminster Hall

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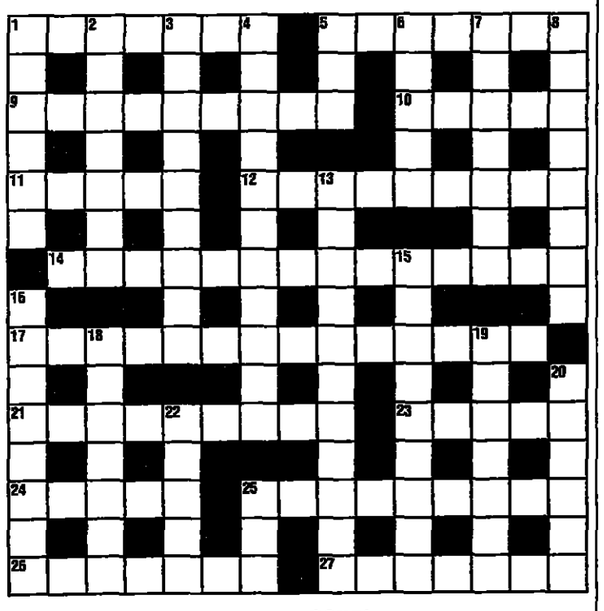
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KNOCKANDO — *A bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky uniquely bottled only when at its peak of perfection rather than at a pre-determined age, together with a fine leather credit card wallet, will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

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ACROSS

1 Reserve champion gets the record (7).
5 Recover lost ground — what a sauce! (7).
9 Putting pies back in to bake? That's excellent (5-4).
10 Creature seen in summer (5).
11 Regarding an investment of money in gilts (5).
12 Englishman in the band hits back (9).
14 In the train, father's in charge of the kids (2,4,8).
17 Independent plunges profits into reorganisation (4-10).
21 Render in palindromic form (9).
23 Soldier wearing coat with amazing properties (5).
24 General practitioner following in this way shortly (5).
25 Sort of faucets to stop the flow of air (9).
26 Storage unit employed in the theatre (7).
27 Twenty-four hours of special sea duty (7).

DOWN

1 Old codger used to stop the train (6).
2 It's said to create something rotten (7).
3 Liking law cases where guilt is uncertain, I love being entertained (9).
4 Outside store, someone catching insect (11).
5 Rod and line, as the saying goes (3).
6 Kid drinks one over the eight (5).
7 Source of water that's hard — try and put in order (7).
8 Exchange cash for leverage (8).
13 Still without a chance to recover quickly (4,3,2,2).
15 Short-term soldiers trapped in river, being unprepared (9).
16 Backed donkey is Neddy (8).
18 Leaves Latvian money over (7).
19 Scrooge nearly, nearly, bore up (7).
20 Eccentric sailors on board steam yacht (6).
22 A problem concerning transport (5).
25 Sprinter is racing the leaders for the title (3).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,686

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LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: *R J Sullivan, Staplehurst, Kent; J W Alexander, Glasgow; G Craigen, Havant, Hampshire; C Shaw, Aylesbury, Bucks; B Kent, Otford, Kent.*

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

TODAY

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
7.01 am	4.27 pm
Moon sets	Moon rises
6.04 pm	9.20 am

First quarter November 9

London 4.27 pm to 7.03 am
Bristol 4.37 pm to 7.12 am
Edinburgh 4.25 pm to 7.30 am
Manchester 4.19 pm to 7.17 am
Penzance 4.33 pm to 7.20 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
7.03 am	4.25 pm
Moon sets	Moon rises
7.07 pm	10.24 am

First quarter November 9

London 4.25 pm to 7.04 am
Bristol 4.35 pm to 7.14 am
Edinburgh 4.23 pm to 7.32 am
Manchester 4.17 pm to 7.19 am
Penzance 4.31 pm to 7.22 am

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.26	7.4	2.42	7.5
Aberdeen	1.45	4.7	2.16	4.6
Avonmouth	7.58	14.2	8.23	14.2
Belfast	11.44	3.6	-	-
Cardiff	7.45	13.03	8.06	12.98
Devonport	5.36	5.8	7.02	5.7
Dover	11.38	7.2	-	-
Falmouth	6.06	5.6	6.32	5.5
Glasgow	1.22	5.1	1.57	5.1
Harwich	12.15	4.3	12.39	4.4
Holyhead	11.00	6.1	11.25	6.0
Hull	6.54	7.98	7.17	7.88
Ilfracombe	6.41	9.85	7.05	9.86
King's Lynn	5.57	7.4	7.21	7.1
Leith	3.09	5.1	3.32	5.0
Liverpool	11.59	10.0	-	-
Lowestoft	10.11	2.8	10.31	2.7
Margate	12.36	5.1	12.56	5.2
Milford Haven	6.53	7.6	7.17	7.5
Newquay	5.47	7.6	6.09	7.5
Oban	6.22	4.2	6.37	4.2
Penzance	5.33	5.9	6.01	5.8
Portland	7.33	2.4	7.55	2.2
Portsmouth	-	-	12.10	5.0
Shoreham	-	-	12.04	6.7
Southampton	11.29	4.9	11.52	4.8
Swansea	7.01	10.2	7.25	10.1
Tees	4.13	5.8	4.35	5.8
Wtton-on-Nze	12.11	4.4	12.30	4.6

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: central London 19C (66F); lowest day max: Shetland 9C (48F); highest rainfall, Falmouth, Cornwall 1.18in, highest sunshine, Folkestone, Kent 7.1hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** Scotland will be mostly cloudy and wet. The cloud and rain will clear to the north but will be slow to clear the east coast. Brighter in southwest with showers.

Northern Ireland will have clear spells. It will be misty at first, with bright or sunny intervals and showers later.

Wales and western England will be clear or bright with occasional showers. Central and eastern England will be overcast with outbreaks of rain, gradually clearing from central areas.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E England:** cloudy with rain at times. Some clearer intervals in morning. Winds mostly light southeast. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Cent S, NW England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Lakes:** outbreaks of rain, clearing. Bright or clear intervals later and mainly dry. Winds light, variable. Max 16C (61F).

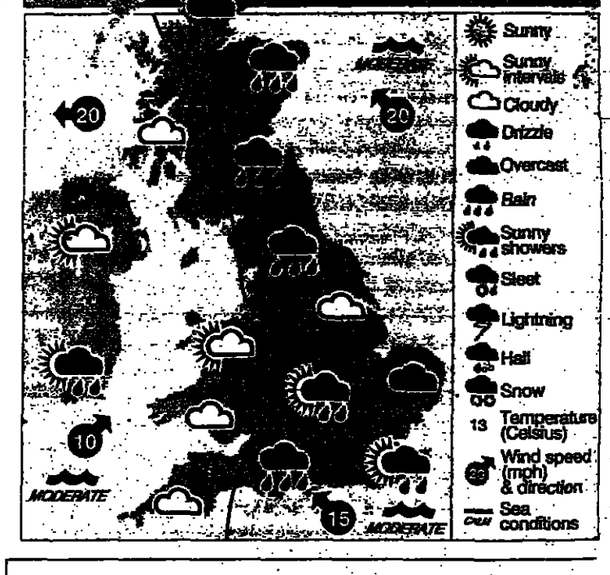
☐ **E Midlands, Cent N, NE England:** cloudy, rain at times, some clearer intervals. Winds light, variable. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **SW England, Wales, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland:** any early mist slowly clearing. Elsewhere bright or sunny intervals. Occasional showers, more so later. Winds light mainly southwest. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth:** cloudy with rain at times, mainly confined to east later, brighter in west. Winds light southeast. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland:** clear or bright intervals at first. Becoming overcast with rain, clearing later. Winds light or moderate southeast. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Outlook:** unsettled.



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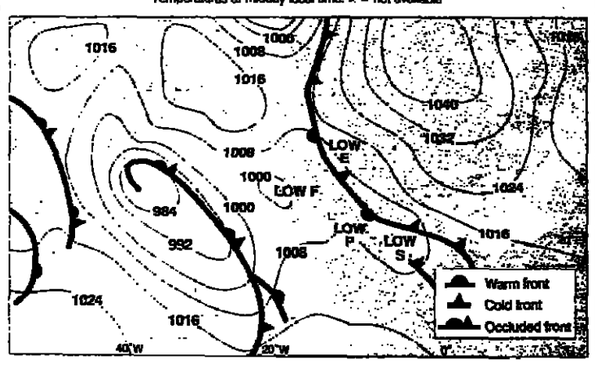
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	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.35	11	52	r	Lowestoft	5.1	-	14	57	b
Anglesey	-	0.19	17	63	r	Manchester	-	0.24	15	59	r
Aspatria	0.1	0.10	14	57	r	Margate	X	0.01	15	59	s
Aviemore	-	0.02	11	52	r	Minehead	-	0.17	16	61	r
Belfast	0.1	0.49	13	55	r	Morecambe	-	0.29	15	59	r
Birmingham	-	0.20	15	59	r	Newcastle	-	0.17	12	54	r
Bognor R	1.8	0.02	15	59	c	Norwich	2.2	-	16	61	b
Bournem'th	0.1	0.04	16	61	sh	Nottingham	-	0.22	14	57	r
Bristol	-	0.09	16	61	c	Oxford	-	0.01	15	59	r
Buxton	-	0.27	12	54	sh	Penzance	-	0.61	14	57	r
Cardiff	-	0.18	14	57	r	Plymouth	-	0.61	15	59	r
Colwyn Bay	X					Poole	0.1	0.09	16	61	c
Cromer	0.3	-	15	59	c	Prestatyn	X	0.12	15	59	du
Doncaster	-	0.28	14	57	r	Ross-o-wye	-	0.21	15	59	c
Dunbar	X					Salcombe	X				
Eastbourne	5.2	0.02	15	61	b	Sandown	2.3	0.01	15	59	b
Edinburgh	-	-	13	55	c	Saunton Snd	-	0.01	15	59	c
Eskdalemuir	X					Scarboro'	-	0.16	12	54	du
Exmouth	-	0.42	15	59	r	Scilly Isles	0.4	0.04	14	57	sh
Falmouth	X	1.18	15	59	r	Shanklin	1.7	0.01	16	61	c
Fishguard	-	0.43	14	57	r	Shrewsbury	-	0.24	15	59	r
Folkestone	7.1	0.01	17	63	s	Skegness	-	0.01	13	55	c
Glasgow	-	0.32	12	54	du	Southend	4.7	0.03	15	59	b
Guernsey	0.5	0.24	15	59	r	Southport	-	0.16	14	57	d
Hayling I	2.8	0.02	15	59	sh	Southsea	1.5	0.02	16	61	c
Herne Bay	6.3	0.01	17	63	s	Stornoway	0.3	0.08	12	54	r
Hove	2.3	0.02	16	61	b	Swanage	0.5	0.06	16	61	sh
Isle of Man	0.1	0.45	14	57	r	Teignmouth	-	0.44	15	59	r
Jersey	1.4	0.12	17	63	c	Tenby	-	0.46	14	57	r
Kinloss	-	-	13	55	c	Tiree	-	0.28	13	55	r
Lerwick	-	0.06	9	48	sh	Torquay	-	0.35	15	59	r
Leuchars	-	0.27	11	52	r	Tynemouth	-	0.12	11	52	r
Littlehmptn	1.9	0.02	16	61	c	Ventnor	2.4	0.01	17	63	b
Liverpool	-	0.13	14	57	r	Weymouth	-	0.37	16	61	sh
London	1.0	-	19	66	c	These are Thursday's figures					

ABROAD

Ajaccio	26	79	s	Corfu	23	73	s	Majorca	23	73	f	Rome	21	70	s
Akrotiri	25	77	c	Dublin	12	54	f	Malaga	15	59	f	Salzburg	13	55	s
Alex'dria	24	75	c	Dubrovnik	20	68	s	Malta	23	73	f	S Fr'sco	12	54	s
Algiers	27	81	f	Faro	17	63	f	Melb'rne	14	57	f	Santiago	24	75	s
Amst'dm	16	61	s	Florence	18	64	f	Mexico C	21	70	f	S Paulo	29	84	c
Athens	22	72	s	Frankfurt	13	55	s	Miami	29	84	s	Seoul	16	61	s
Bahrain	31	88	f	Funchal	21	70	s	Milan	15	59	r	Singapor	29	84	f
Bangkok	30	86	s	Geneva	10	50	c	Montreal	10	50	s	St'kholm	7	45	f
Barbados	29	84	f	Gibraltar	16	61	f	Moscow	-9	16	c	Strasb'rg	8	46	fg
Barcelona	20	68	c	Helsinki	1	34	c	Munich	12	54	s	Sydney	21	70	f
Beirut	23	73	f	Hong K	27	81	s	Nairobi	24	75	c	Tangier	16	61	r
Belgrade	15	59	s	Innsbrck	19	66	f	Naples	22	72	s	Tel Aviv	24	76	c
Berlin	10	50	s	Istanbul	17	63	f	N Delhi	28	82	s	Tenerife	21	70	f
Bermuda	25	77	s	Jeddah	32	90	f	N York	18	64	s	Tokyo	18	64	s
Biarritz	12	54	r	Jo'burg	17	63	c	Nice	17	63	f	Toronto	13	55	c
Bordx	12	54	r	Karachi	33	91	s	Oslo	5	41	c	Tunis	26	79	f
Brussels	19	66	s	L Palmas	24	75	f	Paris	17	63	c	Valencia	16	61	r
Budapst	14	57	s	Le Tquet	16	61	s	Peking	12	54	f	Vanc'ver	5	41	c
B Aires	26	79	c	Lisbon	12	54	f	Perth	26	77	s	Venice	17	63	f
Cairo	36	79	f	Locarno	14	57	r	Prague	14	57	s	Vienna	12	54	s
Chicago	18	64	c	L Angels	17	63	s	Reykjavik	0	32	s	Warsaw	5	41	s
Ch'church	16	61	X	Luxembg	11	52	s	Rhodes	25	77	s	Wash'ton	19	66	f
Cologne	14	57	f	Luxor	28	82	s	Rio de J	25	77	f	Wellington	15	59	c
C'phagn	8	46	s	Madrid	10	50	d	Riyadh	31	88	s	Zurich	9	48	c

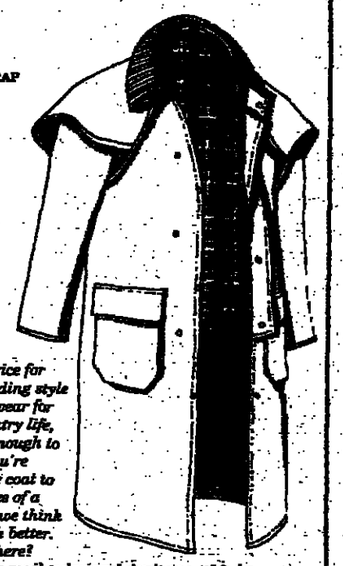
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BAe sheltered from GEC bid by naval talks

BY ROSS TIEMAN AND WOLFGANG MUNCHAU

BRITISH Aerospace is protected from a takeover bid by GEC under a voluntary "standstill" agreement signed during recent discussions about a possible merger of their naval interests.

The agreement, which is believed to last until the middle of next year, will shelter BAe from attack even if the group fails to win its bid battle for VSEL, the shipbuilder.

Hopes of a GEC bid if the VSEL takeover attempt fails have helped to buoy the shares of Britain's biggest defence contractor. But revelation of the standstill deal may undermine BAe's share price and further depress the value of its offer for the submarine maker.

BAe and GEC have become involved in an intense lobbying battle since GEC topped BAe's paper offer for VSEL with a £532 million cash bid worth £14 a share. GEC then reinforced its dominant position by buying almost 15 per cent of VSEL, at a cost of £80 million, on the stock market.

For GEC, the battle over VSEL is the latest phase in a long campaign to force BAe into a merger of their defence interests.

Dick Evans, chief executive of BAe, and Lord Weinstock, managing director of GEC, met four times before BAe launched its bid for VSEL to discuss merging their naval interests. At the final meeting, also attended by Lord Hesketh, representing BAe non-executive directors, and Lord Prior, GEC's chairman, GEC proposed merging its Yarrow warship yard and other naval interests with BAe-Sema, the systems group, to mount a joint BAe/GEC bid for VSEL. BAe failed to respond, but launched its own bid instead. The aircraft-to-missiles group is keen to top up its bank balance with VSEL's cash reserves, and at the same time become Britain's leading prime contractor in warships, to match its position in aircraft.

GEC, now enjoying the upper hand in the stock-market battle, is trying to persuade Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, not to refer the bid to the Office of Fair Trading.

The European Commission yesterday defied Mr Heseltine by announcing that it will investigate the non-military aspects of the planned takeover of VSEL by BAe. The Government had requested that the bid be subject to scrutiny by British authorities on the grounds that military takeovers are specifically exempted from the European Union's merger rules.

However, the Commission intervention is regarded by the contestants as peripheral. BAe argues that its offer will enhance competition by ensuring that two powerful rivals are available to bid for the £2.5 billion contract to supply a second batch of Trafalgar nuclear-powered attack submarines.



Lord Weinstock: joint bid

But the quality of that competition is already open to question, since the Ministry of Defence is funding GEC's bid costs. Were GEC to win, it would probably have to subcontract construction of the boats to VSEL because its Yarrow Shipbuilders yard, on the Clyde, is not equipped for their construction.

Rather, GEC appears to be telling the MoD that VSEL's Barrow yard is capable of meeting all the Royal Navy's needs, and only if the two facilities are combined to become a strong force in export markets is there hope of winning enough business to keep Yarrow open in the long term.

If the MoD yields to this argument, then the way will be clear for further concentration of Britain's defence industry in accord with GEC's goals. If not, the trend for British defence manufacturers to seek foreign partners will accelerate.

The Commission's intervention appears designed to establish the right to investigate, rather than to decide the outcome, where military equipment companies have wider interests.

While refusing to confirm the existence of the standstill deal, Richard Lapthorne, finance director at BAe, insisted his company would not stumble if it failed to win the battle for VSEL.

He said: "The BAe share price is so undervalued that it certainly doesn't need a GEC bid to underpin it."



Off the road: manufacturers are calling for an easy Budget to stimulate car sales

Car sales fall marks economic slowdown

BY KEVIN EASON AND GEORGE SIVELL

THE slowdown in the economic recovery was underlined yesterday by a series of ominous statistics. Sales of new cars fell almost 3 per cent year-on-year to 122,526 during October, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said. Sales among private buyers dropped 11.8 per cent.

The announcement coincided with gloom from the housing market and a rise in company failures.

Prompted by the figures, motor manufacturers urged the Chancellor to resist pressures to impose anti-car measures in his Budget.

October was only the second monthly fall in car sales during 1994. But after months of booming sales, the annual rate of growth over the last four months has been only 2.2 per cent, and compares with year-on-year growth of 14 per cent in the first six months of 1994.

Activity also slowed in the housing market, the second month running, after September's interest rate rise. The National Association of Estate Agents said almost 60 per cent of members had reported a further downturn in business.

The British Chambers of Commerce said that company collapses rose for the first time in two years during the third quarter of this year. Failures in England and Wales rose to a seasonally adjusted 4,450 between July and September, 4 per cent higher than the previous quarter, although 13 per cent down on the same period last year.

The number of individuals going bankrupt fell 1 per cent quarter-on-quarter to 7,919, according to the figures.

A Treasury spokesman said there were difficulties in seasonally adjusting the figures and that insolvencies were still very much lower than a year ago. Official figures from the Lord Chancellor's department showed a 7 per cent fall during the third quarter in company winding-up petitions.

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FT-SE 100	3097.6	(-6.8)
Yield	4.11%	
FT-SE A All share	1538.05	(-1.97)
Nikkei	19811.56	(+60.91)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3855.63	(+9.75)*
S&P Composite	467.52	(-0.39)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	4¹¹⁄₁₆%*	(4¾%)
Long Bond	92²⁄₃₂*	(93²⁄₃₂)
Yield	8.13%*	(8.10%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6⁵⁄₁₆%	(6⅝%)
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STERLING

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$	1.6105*	(1.6175)
London:		
$	1.6115	(1.6125)
DM	2.4606	(2.4576)
FFr	8.4080	(8.4235)
SFr	2.0468	(2.0538)
Yen	157.25	(158.29)
£ Index	80.6	(80.9)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5208*	(1.5187)
FFr	5.2155*	(5.2075)
SFr	1.2710*	(1.2680)
Yen	97.63*	(97.74)
$ Index	61.6	(61.4)

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NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jan)	$17.20	($17.20)

GOLD

London close	$383.95	($383.75)

* denotes midday trading price

Hedging bets

Hans Tietmeyer, Bundesbank president, said yesterday that the next move in German rates could be in either direction and that the German central bank needed more time to decide whether the current level of rates is appropriate. **Page 24**

On the brink

John Parker, the chairman, and his chief executive, Nick Salmon, are the men who are finally supposed to make it happen at Babcock International, a company on that seems to have been on the brink of recovery for a decade. **Partners, page 25**

Payout of £1m over home income plans

BY ROBERT MILLER

MORE than 40 investors stand to share at least £1 million compensation after putting money into unsuitable home income plans, the Investors Compensation Scheme said. Up to ten building societies are said to have provided funding totalling nearly £2 million for the plans.

The ICS has already paid out more than £23 million in compensation to almost 2,000 elderly victims in the on-going scandal of home income plans. The scheme has issued writs against ten lenders to recover money already paid out. These include West Bromwich, National Counties and Cheltenham & Gloucester building societies.

One case uncovered by scheme officials involved a 79-year-old widow, who is registered disabled. In 1989 she raised a £60,000 mortgage on her home, of which £50,000 was invested in a stock market bond on the advice of Northern Binge & Partners, an independent financial adviser of Bristol, which had its membership of Fimbra, the regulator, suspended last year.

She was told the bond would generate sufficient income to pay the £750 to service the monthly mortgage interest repayment and £100 to bolster her income. Four years later the bond had halved in value and she had a £40,000 outstanding loan accruing interest daily.

The ICS has stepped in also to help clients of Kedleston Stockbrokers of Derby, a former broker, served with an "intervention" order by the Securities and Futures Authority last year. The scheme said it had identified at least 15 "potential cases involving alleged negligence in respect of share transactions".

Lonrho soars on hopes of break up

BY GEORGE SIVELL
ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

SHARES in Lonrho surged 12p yesterday to 144½p in heavy trading following the resignation of Tiny Rowland as joint chief executive and amid speculation over the international trading group's break-up value.

Almost 30 million Lonrho shares changed hands as the City anticipated that Dieter Bock, the remaining chief executive, might press ahead with plans to break up the group.

Analysts calculated that Lonrho may be worth anything between 130p and 200p per share. Geoff Allum at NatWest said, however, that it was difficult to estimate because of uncertainties including the full extent of the mineral assets

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Forte in placing to fund Meridien deal

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

FORTE, the hotelier, is lightening its £1 billion debt with a £175 million share placing to City institutions to help to fund the purchase of Meridien, the French hotels chain.

Forte now has more than 80 per cent of Meridien, after last month's agreement to pay £131 million for Air France's 57 per cent holding. Forte has recently indicated the need to raise fresh funds, whether by disposals or share issues.

Rocco Forte, the chairman, said when the company issued halfway figures last month that there were potential disposals worth £400-£500 million in prospect, including quarter shares in two catering businesses, Alpha Airports and Gardner Merchant.

But the decision to go for a share placing, at a price of 227p and equivalent to about 9 per cent of the enlarged share capital, gives the group flexibility in the timing of disposals, Forte said yesterday. A spokesman added: "We can be tough on price — we're not driven by any perception that we're in need of proceeds to get the debt down."

Forte reassured the market that current trading at its hotels had not changed since the interim statement, with hotel occupancies being maintained at high levels and achieved room rates continuing to improve. It said profits were still well ahead of last year.

Meridien, which along with the eponymous hotel in London's Piccadilly owns two flagships in Paris, the Montparnasse and the Etoile, brings with it a portfolio around the world that takes Forte into the Far East for the first time.

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(2nd-3rd Months)	6.00%	5.75%
Year 2 (1st-6th Months)	6.50%	6.25%
(2nd-3rd Months)	7.00%	6.75%
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Hollywood comes in search of City cash



Bonham-Carter: première star

BY OUR DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

HOLLYWOOD got Prince Charles. In return, the City yesterday played host to West Coast film moguls keen to drum up investors in the burgeoning world film industry from the Square Mile.

Disasters such as Goldcrest have left film financing, as most of the Hollywood contingent would freely admit, with a reputation in the City for security and financial probity on a par with the South Sea Bubble.

But Nigel Sinclair, British-born Beverly Hills entertainment lawyer and adviser to such stars as Mel Gibson, believes the ever-growing thirst for product to fill schedules of cable and satellite TV, plus traditional cinema screens, means Hollywood will have to tap new financial centres such as the City.

As a result, the film-makers will have to ensure rates of return that are comparable with those available from similar investments, running from 10 to 15 per cent for relatively safe funds backing blocks of films to as high as 30 per cent for more speculative projects.

Barry Spikings, Oscar-winning producer of *The Deer Hunter* and another Hollywood-based Brit, says any dialogue between the Square Mile and the film-makers broke down after earlier debacles that cost investors their shirts, allowing US providers of capital to clinch the best deals. He said: "The City of London has turned its back on this business. But if it's good enough for New York, we should have a bit of it."

Both were on a whistle-stop tour of the City, prompted by the UK-LA festival running in Los Angeles, which this week took the Prince of Wales to Tinsel Town, and the première of the Kenneth Branagh film *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein*, starring Branagh, Robert De Niro and Helena Bonham-Carter. And both, with Tom McGrath, executive vice-president of Viacom, the US entertainment corporation that has been stitched Frankenstein-like in the merger with Paramount Studios, breakfasted with Sir Paul Newall, the Lord Mayor, and gave a briefing to UK investing institutions.

Viacom needs to find 60 per cent of film financing from outside investors. Mr Sinclair said: "It's selling the seed-corn to keep the farm. Because of the consolidation of the film business into an even smaller group of merged companies, and their perception that they have to increase the number of movies produced by four or five times' what was needed ten years ago, the rules have completely changed. The balance has moved from the film companies to the financial markets."

Curries, grapes and The Last Tycoon



MELVYN MARCKUS

And it came to pass that, at around 4pm on Thursday, various papers were signed on the sixth floor of Lonrho's Cheapside HQ, and an era drew to an end. Tiny Rowland, whose invariably unconventional and mostly controversial style of conducting business has made headlines for three decades, had agreed to bow out of Lonrho's boardroom at next March's AGM.

Lonrho's directors proved loath to elaborate on the brief, three-paragraph statement that emanated from the company, after the conclusion of the delayed board meeting, at a little before 5.30pm. As the announcement was faxed from Cheapside, Rowland departed to his Belgravia residence where he spent the evening with his family and René Leclézio, Lonrho's former chairman.

As Rowland put it that evening: "I didn't even bother to attend the board meeting." As with many aspects of corporate life, Rowland has his own perspective on board meetings. "We hold them almost every day," he once told me. "We all lunch together, in the boardroom." It was over lunch — sitting to the left of the chairman's chair at the head of the table — that Rowland regularly charmed his guests and, in the absence of a visiting head of an African state, variously directed, motivated, cajoled or tore apart with sardonic humour, those who comprised his boardroom troops. The cuisine was of Afro-Indian flavour. Curries were always conspicuous, set off with bowls of fruits — fresh and dried — and rafts of nuts. Rowland would stretch out for a grape, with each director keeping at least half an eye on the man whom I — as City Editor of *The Observer* during much of Lonrho's ownership — dubbed "The Last Tycoon". Rowland, in turn, would keep half an eye on any director whose hand stretched, more than once in the direction of the rice. Rowland mistrusts obesity, his theory being that such a condition flags a weakness in terms of will power. Such thoughts on health and strength were shared by the late Daniel K. Ludwig, from whom Rowland purchased Princess Hotels.

Friday's board meeting was an altogether different affair, postponed from 10.30am to 4.30pm in order to solemnise the fact that Rowland had finally lost his long running power play with Dieter Bock, the German financier. It was Bock who emerged as Lonrho's largest shareholder, with an 18.6 per cent stake, in the New Year of 1993, having purchased half of Rowland's stake and taken advantage of a bespoke rights issue.

When Bock arrived at Cheapside, the message was that the joint chief executives should be perceived as "indivisible". I recall interviewing the duo in the said green carpeted boardroom, a habitat which exudes a cosy, beguiling air.

Q: "How will the joint roles work? How do you envisage dividing responsibilities?"

Rowland: "There will not be any clear-cut division of responsibilities. Think of us as indivisible."

But it was not to be. Bock wanted to "normalise" Lonrho, bow to the God of corporate governance, introduce non-executive directors, do away with the curries and grapes. Rowland has never wished to normalise anything. When Sir Edward Heath branded Lonrho as "the unacceptable face of capitalism", Rowland's retort was: "I would not wish to be described as the acceptable face." Myth has it that the most memorable phrase Heath ever delivered owed itself to a typing error. It is said, by some, that his original intention was to speak of the unacceptable "facet" of capitalism. There is, however, no myth attached to Rowland's un-Cadbury-like attitude towards non-executives — "decorations on a Christmas tree".

The arrival of the decorations a year ago, in the shape of Peter Harper, a director of Hanson; Stephen Walls, chairman of Albert Fisher; and Sir John Leahy, a former ambassador to South Africa, saw the balance of power start to slip away from Rowland. Bock, who perceived Rowland as obstructive, systematically forced Rowland's closest colleagues, dubbed "the pensioners" to retire, albeit with golden handshakes totalling some £2.4 million. Exit Sir Peter Youens, Paul Spicer, Robert Dunlop and Leclézio. Bock, after failing to secure sufficient support from Lonrho's directors, abandoned an attempted coup at Lonrho's September 1 board meeting, but the die was cast.

Sir John, acting at Bock's behest, is understood to have delivered an ultimatum to Rowland on Tuesday — an ultimatum that contained "a soft option and a hard option". Rowland, for his part, stresses that the final decision was his. As he told *The Times*: "It was my doing. I have given the matter a great deal of thought, particularly in view of this week's retirement of René Leclézio who has been replaced as chairman by Sir John Leahy who has no commercial experience at all." Rowland privately perceives Sir John's role in the affair as treacherous.

Having considered the matter overnight, Rowland was of a mind to accept the honorific title of president of Lonrho yesterday. In his words: "I think I will accept. After 34 years, I would naturally like to continue my association with Lonrho."

Q: "You have often flirted with the idea of creating a merchant bank. Is that still a possibility?"

Rowland: "My problem is that I have a fair amount of cash which I am not sure what to do with. If someone asked me to put up £50 million or £100 million in a merchant banking venture I might be interested. Who knows?"

The land of nod had, however, done nothing to change Rowland's views on Sir John. "People tell me he jumps to attention when Mr Bock passes by."

What will be missed, above all, is Rowland's humour. In his forward to *A Hero from Zero*, his personal version of the House of Fraser affair, he recounts the Monopolies Commission's hearings under Sir Godfray Le Quesne. He wrote: "What am I doing here, I thought, as I gazed by the hour and by the month at the hole in the sole of his leather shoe, and wondered why Lonrho's bid was in the hands of a man who couldn't organise his own shoe repairs."

Or his sign-off in a letter to Alan Bond, the brewer of Castlemaine, who dared to contemplate a £2 billion takeover bid for Lonrho in the late 1980s. "Very kind regards, yours sincerely, Tiny. XXXX."

Bundesbank leaves rate options open

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

HANS Tietmeyer, Bundesbank president, said yesterday that the next move in German rates could be in either direction and that the German central bank needed more time to decide whether the current level of rates was appropriate.

"For the time being, we are undecided. In contrast to other countries, we are unlikely to opt for one direction only," he said.

His remarks suggested that a change in rates is unlikely as early as Thursday's meeting of the Bundesbank's policy-making council.

Herr Tietmeyer said that he saw no new expectations for inflation beginning to rise again. He noted that the rate of price increases was now slowing but that an inflation rate of 2.8 per cent was still not low enough.

He made a similar judgment on growth in M3 money supply which, although it has decelerated, remained above target in September at 7.7 per cent.

The Bundesbank president, speaking in London, also helped to stabilise the dollar, saying that he would like to see a strong US currency.

The dollar had a volatile day on foreign exchanges but was steady overall in the wake of US Federal Reserve intervention on Wednesday and Thursday and mixed signals from unemployment figures.

US non-farm payrolls rose 194,000 in October, below forecasts for a 238,000 rise and much weaker than the 248,000 rise reported in September. However, this was offset by news of strong increases in the average work week and earnings. The latter showed their biggest jump in 11 years in October, fanning fears of higher inflation and bolstering the case for another tightening of monetary policy at the meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee on November 15.

Robert Reich, the US Labor Secretary, played down inflation worries about the jobs report, arguing that the figures showed that jobs growth was neither slowing down nor creating inflationary pressures.

There was no sign of intervention from the Fed yesterday. Acting alone, the intervention was interpreted as an attempt to buy time for the dollar until the next meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee.

After a day of hectic trading during European hours, the dollar was quoted at DM1.5205 and Y97.60, a little below closing levels on Thursday. During the day, the dollar hit a peak of DM1.5290 and sank as low as DM1.5130.



David Lyon, left, and Michael Hartnall, finance director, are planning a flotation

Bowater in A$350m sale

BOWATER, the international packaging group, is taking the final step in a seven-year reorganisation by selling its Australian tissue operations for A$350 million (£159 million) to Carter Holt Harvey, a New Zealand timber products group (Neil Bennett writes).

The group said it is also planning to float off its Australian engineering division, a move expected to raise up to another £100 million.

David Lyon, Bowater's chief executive, said the group had been clear about its desire to sell the businesses for some time. Since he took control in 1987, Bowater has concentrated on its packaging interests. The Australian business was the group's last main bulk paper manufacturer. "We were always clear that these two businesses were going to look unrelated to the packaging operations. We indicated that when we had a good offer for the business we would sell it," he said.

The Australian tissue business had sales of £145 million and an operating profit of £10.7 million last year and has assets of around £150 million. Three years ago, Bowater invested A$180 million in new machinery in the tissue business to improve its efficiency.

Mr Lyon said that Bowater would use the cash from the deal to invest in its packaging businesses. The group has promised it will make no more major acquisitions for the time being but wants to buy smaller businesses and invest organically to increase its output of graphics supplies, coated papers and cosmetics packaging.

The float of the engineering business will depend on market conditions but Bowater wants to sell all the equity of a business with a turnover of £114 million and an operating profit of £5.5 million last year.

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Lloyd's urged to drop trust deed plan

BY MARTIN BARROW, CITY NEWS EDITOR

THE Association of Lloyd's Members (ALM) is urging Lloyd's to abandon controversial proposals to amend the premium trust deeds to claim prior right over any funds recovered through litigation.

Instead, the ALM, which until now has generally acted in support of actions taken by Lloyd's, wants David Rowland, the chairman of Lloyd's, to launch a new settlement offer without delay and to ensure its success through detailed, prior negotiation with members.

Sir David Berriman, ALM chairman, has written to members saying that legal opinion received at a joint conference with two leading counsel casts serious doubt on whether Lloyd's has the power to make the proposed changes.

He said: "I am very concerned that Lloyd's should be intent on pursuing an approach to 'capturing' litigation recoveries which may well be outside its powers and must surely result in even more litigation. Lloyd's first priority must be a new settlement offer."

Premium trust deeds are agreements made between Lloyd's and individual names. The ALM believes that although the post-1987 form of premium trust deed provides that some changes may be made to the trust provisions — but only with the consent of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry — Lloyd's does not have the power to make any amendment that changes the definition or compostion of the Premiums Trust Fund.

The ALM has been advised that individual names would have to agree in writing to such an amendment. However, Lloyd's own legal advice is that the proposed changes can be made and the dispute appears to be headed for the courts.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bank lending rises in third quarter

BANK lending to the private sector recovered sharply in the third quarter from a very low second quarter figure but the British Bankers' Assocation said that, nevertheless, "demand for bank credit, particularly in an economic upturn, remains conspicuous by its absence." The BBA said only the personal sector continued to borrow and at a modest rate.

In the third quarter, lending rose to £3.22 billion from the second quarter's £983 million. The second quarter was so low because of large repayments of debt by companies but in the third quarter, there was a lower level of repayments which produced "an apparent recovery in bank lending". Lending to individuals rose 1.3 per cent between quarters. Mortgage lending was slightly higher than in the second quarter but still lower than the previous five quarters.

TLG over-subscribed

THE public offer of 19.6 million shares in TLG, the lighting company, was 3.2 times subscribed in spite of a difficult market for new share issues. Employees and those who asked for up to 600 shares will get all they sought. Those who sought 700 to 3,000 shares will get 600 and those who wanted 4,000 or more, 20 per cent up to a maximum of 100,000 shares. The proceeds of around £60 million will enable the company to reduce borrowings.

Property group expands

LONDON Industrial, the property group, is paying £20 million for 17 estates from A & J Mucklow industrial estates in Birmingham. To finance the deal, London Industrial is placing 6.3 million shares at a 5p discount to the market price of 330p with a clawback to existing shareholders on a seven for 11 basis. Profits for the half year to September 30 were £905,000 (£355,000) and the interim dividend rises 1p to 3p. A total of 10p (7p) is forecast.

Pru's new finance chief

JONATHAN Bloomer, who is currently managing partner of Arthur Andersen's European insurance practice, has been appointed finance director of Prudential Corporation, Britain's biggest insurer. He joins the company on January 1 succeeding Michael Lawrence, who becomes chief executive of the London Stock Exchange from February 1. Mr Bloomer, 40, joined accountants Arthur Andersen, the accountants, in 1974 and is a financial services specialist.

Nissan hit by heavy losses

Net losses at Nissan Motor Co, Japan's second-biggest car maker, widened sharply in the first half, mainly because of the high yen and slumping domestic sales. It posted a net loss of Y53.67 billion (£342 million) against a loss of Y32.84 billion previously.

The company is now projecting a net loss of Y60 billion rather than break-even results for the full fiscal year.

There is no interim dividend, but the final payout will be held at seven yen.

System talks

The Bank of England and the Stock Exchange are to discuss this month the "difficult transition" from the exchange's Talisman settlements system to the Bank's paperless Crest system. Pen Kent, an executive director of the Bank, said the "handing over of the mind and management of Crest from the Bank team to Cresteo's own staff" will start in the middle of next year.

Oceana up

Oceana Consolidated, whose principal subsidiary is Charles Stanley, the stockbroker, posted record interim profits. Pre-tax profits rose to £1 million from £877,000 on turnover up to £6.9 million from £6.3 million. The interim dividend rises to 0.625p (0.5p).

MPs back incentives to scrap old cars

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

MEMBERS of Parliament who advise on transport have backed proposals to offer motorists cash to scrap old cars that pollute the environment (Kevin Eason writes).

The all-party Commons Transport Select Committee has told the Government that the scheme could quickly drive old "bangers" off the road and improve air quality.

Spain offers motorists with cars more than ten years old £500, and France £600, towards buying a new car with a catalytic converter, which soaks up 90 per cent of toxic engine exhaust emissions. Manufacturers match the government grants. Paul Channon, the committee chairman, said yesterday that a similar scheme in Britain would give motorists an incentive to swap old cars for cleaner models.

RAC tests show that 10 per cent of cars cause 50 per cent of pollution. Two million of the nation's 24 million cars are more than ten years old and motorists are keeping their cars longer and spending less on maintenance.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.31	2.12
Austria Sch	18.26	16.76
Belgium Fr	53.65	49.25
Canada $	2.304	2.144
Cyprus CypE	0.784	0.734
Denmark Kr	10.22	9.42
Finland Mkk	8.15	7.45
France Fr	8.91	8.21
Germany Dm	2.61	2.40
Greece Dr	393.00	368.00
Hong Kong $	13.13	12.13
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2615.00	2460.00
Japan Yen	173.50	156.50
Malta	0.616	0.561
Netherlds Gld	2.901	2.671
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BABCOCK INTERNATIONAL: **John Parker and Nick Salmon**

Yachtsmen on a long-term voyage to recovery

partners in power

Ross Tieman talks to two men who mixed business with the pleasure of sailing to form a winning team



PETER TRIEVNOR

At the helm: John Parker, chairman, right, and Nick Salmon, chief executive, were headhunted for the task of helping Babcock to turn the corner to recovery

A more unlikely Ulsterman than John Parker would be hard to find. For one thing, Mr Parker, a farmer's son from the Mountains of Mourne who for 11 years ran the Harland & Wolff shipyard in Belfast, seems to have acquired a soft mid-Atlantic twang during his 52 years. Perhaps it is a protective trait. Maybe managing the biggest manufacturing business in Northern Ireland is easier if people mistake you for an incomer. But ironically, the voice sounds equally unlikely at the helm of Babcock International.

Babcock. The Renfrew boilermaker. Well, that is what it was once. Today, 11,000 employees make anything from power station boilers, through coal-handling equipment to distributing dump trucks. The trouble is, they do not make any money out of it. In the year ended March, Babcock lost £42 million on sales of £805 million. Even in a good year, say 1992, it managed only £56 million of profits. Babcock is one of those businesses that has been on the brink of recovery for a decade or more, but somehow never quite turned the corner.

> "We are not fly-by-nights. We are not flashy guys. We look at it as a five-year job"

John Parker, the chairman, and his chief executive, Nick Salmon, are the men who are finally supposed to make it happen. Headhunters picked them out. That is the way it is done these days. A pair of professional managers — their phrase, not mine.

They met for the first time at Manchester Airport in July last year. Parker was on his way back to Belfast. Salmon had taken time out from his job as deputy managing director of the gas turbine and diesel division at GEC Alsthom.

But, strangely for two men contemplating the biggest career move of their lives, they quickly found themselves talking about sailing. Enthusiasts both, they agreed an unusual character test. If they could stand one another's company on a boat, they reasoned, they could probably work together.

So within the space of a few weeks, they were ploughing across the coastal loughs of Northern Ireland in Parker's 38ft motor sailer. It worked.

"We didn't get in each other's hair," says Parker. "We found we have common ideas about where we want to go," says Salmon, 11 years his junior, with a characteristic wry smile. They made a common promise: "No surprises."

They work together in an easy, soft-spoken rhythm. Parker expounds, Salmon interjects. Parker sketches ideas, ambitions, management's guiding principles. Salmon, the pragmatic counterweight, talks about means. Parker the dreamer. Salmon the realist.

On October 4 last year, they turned up at Babcock's little corporate headquarters in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, for their first day at work. They introduced themselves to Erik Porter, the finance director, and the 21 staff, then took off for a two-week tour of Babcock sites. They've been on the road or in the air ever since.

"We believe in strategic direction from the centre, which is top down but also bottom up," says Parker. This means giving divisional directors clear objectives, and support to achieve them. But, they say, there is no indulgence for those who fail to deliver. The evidence bears them out. The heart of Babcock's problems for so long has been its energy division, making boilers, burners and the like for power stations. Since the arrival of Parker and Salmon, the division has acquired a new managing director, finance director, projects director and marketing director.

The upshot of that initial investigation was a three-year rolling plan. On the back of it came a £78.6 million rights issue, to restore the company's stretched finances. No big sell-offs, no dramatic acquisitions. "Our job is to make the best use of the assets we have inherited," says Parker. In his view, you don't do that by selling them at a knock-down price when they are not performing properly.

"I believe the businesses in Babcock are capable of turning in a very reasonable return on net assets," says Parker. Salmon concurs. The three-year plan, drawn up with help from LEK Partnership, the consultant, sets out clear goals for each of the five divisions. Materials handling is the new growth pole of the group. This business specialises in systems for shifting bulk materials such as coal, cement and wood pulp. Headquartered in Germany, it has been consistently one of the company's best performers.

A second growth area will be process engineering, designing and managing the construction of plants for the oil and gas, chemicals and pharmaceutical industries.

The energy division, meantime, is to remain focused on power generation and it will seek to make the most of the strength of its proprietary technology, engineering and project management skills. At the same time, it will reduce the emphasis on big construction projects, such as the flue gas desulphurisation plant at Drax power station in North Yorkshire, which cost Babcock £15 million in exceptional provisions last year.

Energy, clearly, is expected to play a lesser role in the group's fortunes in the future. And yet, the change in emphasis there reflects a shift that is taking place across the group. Parker and Salmon are subtly changing the nature of Babcock. In their scheme of things, the importance of manufacturing within the company is declining. Rather, the group is seeking to step up the proportion of revenues generated from its skills in designing and managing projects, across the whole spectrum of activities. From being a metal-basher, it is becoming increasingly an engineering consultancy. Components for assembling plants will be bought in from the lowest-cost manufacturer worldwide.

Where Babcock has proprietary technologies, they will be preserved and developed, in so far as they help to give the company an edge over its rivals. But make no mistake, if Parker and Salmon have their way, boiler suits are the workwear of yesteryear at Babcock. Graduates, not grease-monkeys, are the typical employees of the future. This will be true, too, in the other two divisions. For after slogging through a quarter century of apartheid in South Africa, Babcock has inherited a strong position in an economy that could now break out of stagnation. Its South African subsidiary, a mixed bag of engineering and distribution businesses, doubled its order book last year. With so much of South Africa's infrastructure in need of attention, Babcock could make a few bob south of the Sahara.

And north of the Scottish border, too. For since 1987, Babcock has been a partner in the management of Rosyth Royal Dockyard, one of the Royal Navy's two warship refit facilities.

Earlier this year, it bought out its partner, Thorn EMI, to create Babcock Rosyth Defence, which has now tabled a bid to buy the yard lock, stock and barrel from the Ministry of Defence. BRD has also been chosen by the New Zealand government to run the confusingly named Devonport dockyard in New Zealand. But Babcock is no longer a business determined to go its own way at any cost. In future, consortium tenders for projects are likely to be the order of the day. Restoring Babcock's profitability, and its credibility in the City and elsewhere, will not be an easy task. This is a capital goods business, with time cycles of up to three years between taking an order and delivering the goods and proving they do the job. That, combined with Babcock's unimpressive profit record, means it will be some years before it is possible to pass judgment on the effectiveness of the Parker and Salmon overhaul.

"We are not fly-by-nights," says Parker in his soft, Ulster-American tones. "We are not flashy guys. We look at it as a five-year job to put Babcock back in a thoroughly respected position as an international engineering group."

If they do succeed, they will not go unrewarded. Parker has options over 4.55 million shares, while Salmon counts another 3.98 million. Given a fair wind, that should buy them a new yacht apiece.

Tiny Rowland — last of the old-style City tycoons

Susan Gilchrist recounts the colourful career of Lonrho's founder



Tiny Rowland 'started Lonrho with four people and a cat'

The stock market can be a cruel place. But rarely has it been crueller than yesterday when it marked up the shares of Lonrho, after the departure of Tiny Rowland, the man who created the company.

In an age when faceless managers and corporate strategists now reign supreme, Tiny Rowland of Lonrho can only be described as the last of the great tycoons. Edward Heath, the former Prime Minister, once described him as the "unacceptable face of capitalism" but this autocratic figure has created a multi-billion pound international business empire from virtually nothing over the past 34 years.

Lonrho's beginnings can be traced back to 1961, when Rowland took control of the London & Rhodesia Mining Company in Africa. It was an unimpressive company but it had what Rowland wanted — a public quotation. From it, Lonrho was born.

The group expanded rapidly over the next few years, investing in everything from mining to tea plantations across Africa. The company prospered because Rowland was prepared to go where others feared to tread. By the end of the 1960s, Lonrho had grown into an international conglomerate spanning 17 countries with assets worth £20 million, compared with £1 million at the outset.

The deal-making continued unabated into the 1970s, with the acquisition of textile companies, paper and packaging businesses and even shipping, most of it funded with paper. Rowland was not interested in what these companies did, he only cared about their profits. When asked by one City adviser what a particular factory he was buying made, Rowland replied "2.4 per cent after tax."

While Rowland thrived on this deal-making, other directors became concerned about the true position of the company's finances and its strategy in Africa. Their increasing nervousness that no one, apart from Rowland, ever knew what Lonrho was up to, led to the now legendary boardroom revolt in 1973. Rowland refused to admit defeat and eventually ousted the eight directors who had opposed him. The debacle launched his reputation as a man of iron will, who grinds his opponents into the dust.

His success was down to the support of shareholders. Lonrho shareholders are a unique breed. Shunned by institutions, who have never felt comfortable with Rowland's autocratic style, the company has attracted an army of devoted private investors. Lonrho annual meetings have been akin to religious cult meetings, with the audience hanging on Rowland's every word.

Shareholders loved him, but the Department of Trade was less enchanted. In 1976, it published a 700-page report that criticised some of Rowland's methods, in particular his concealment of information, but it acknowledged that he had acted in Lonrho's best interests.

In the meantime, the group's expansion in Africa continued, fuelled by Rowland's extensive political connections. His friendships with certain African dictators raised eyebrows but the African empire grew. Even today, 70 per cent of group profits are estimated to come from the region.

Rowland was also becoming busy nearer home. In 1981, he bought *The Observer* newspaper and in the same year tried to take over House of Fraser. The acquisition was blocked by the MMC although Lonrho retained a 29.9 per cent stake. Three years later, he sold the stake to the Fayeds, who then incurred Rowland's wrath by buying the company.

Their acrimonious — and expensive — vendetta continued for the next eight years, before the pair patched it up last year in a bizarre peace ceremony in Harrods' food halls. It was one of the most public and bitter disputes in British business history, but it was not Rowland's only fracas.

He also fell out with Alan Bond, the Australian entrepreneur, who bought a stake in Lonrho in 1987. When Bond's aspirations to succeed him became clear, Rowland launched a devastating campaign against the Australian and his business empire. Bond lost £60 million and went bankrupt.

It wasn't just his enemies who were to cause Rowland trouble, his friends were also a problem. His association with Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader and an international pariah, was to prove a grave error. In desperate need of cash, he sold a large stake in Metropole Hotels to the Libyan Arab Finance Company, the Libyan government's investment vehicle, in 1991. The deal alienated Rowland and also signalled the depth of Lonrho's financial troubles. The man who was eventually to come to the rescue was Dieter Bock.

At first, Rowland enthused about Bock, describing them as "father and son". However, they soon fell out, with Rowland, who had dominated Lonrho for so long, unable to share power. The relationship deteriorated and Rowland was forced to leave. For the first time in a power struggle, he had failed to come out on top. It may not be the ending he would have wanted, but his achievements still stand. As he once said: "I started Lonrho with four people and a cat." It has come a long way since then.

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STOCK MARKET  PHILIP PANGALOS

Brokers run calculators over value of Lonrho

LONRHO was the focus of attention on an otherwise quiet day for London equities, as analysts turned their attention to the group's likely break-up value in the wake of Thursday's late news of Tiny Rowland's resignation.

Lonrho advanced 12p to 144½p, on heavy volume of 28.7 million shares traded. Analysts said Lonrho may have a break-up value of between 130p and 200p a share if Dieter Bock, chief executive, decides to sell off assets after his victory in the battle with Mr Rowland for control of the company.

Geoff Allum, at NatWest Securities, the broker, said it was difficult to value Lonrho as the full extent of the company's mineral assets remains uncertain, with other uncertainties including potential movements in African currencies and platinum prices.

The City hopes Lonrho may now be run more as a normal plc and Mr Bock might also reveal more financial information about it. Another analyst said one potential future development was the partial flotation of Lonrho's African operations, with the group's platinum assets alone estimated to be worth £330 million.

Elsewhere, the London market ended the week on a quiet note, failing to hold above the 3,100 level as investors remained on the sidelines.

Equities were futures-driven and traded in a narrow range in light volumes, marked lower in a cautious mood before a key US employment report. Falls were trimmed after Wall Street's calm reaction to the data and average earnings provided a US rally and helped the UK market claw back some early losses.

However, the lower-than-expected US October payroll data still pointed to continued strong growth in the US economy, with concerns about wage presures and the future impact on overall inflation.

The FT-SE 100 index ended 6.8 lower at 3,097.6. Second-liners fared somewhat better with the FT-SE 250 index up 3.8 at 3,534.6. Volume was thin, reaching a lowly 457.3 million shares.

Shares in **Pearson** were on offer, losing 20p to 624p, on volume of 1.48 million shares, on the back of broker caution on the likely valuation of BSkyB before flotation. NatWest Securities suggested selling Pearson, which will have a 14 per cent stake in BSkyB post-flotation, down to the £6 level on worries about current valuations of the satellite broadcaster on the belief that cable will take over as the dominant force. **Granada**, which will end up with 11 per cent of BSkyB, fell 5p to 518p, while **News International** held steady at 248p.

Shares in **MAI**, Lord Hollick's financial services and media group, slipped 10p to 226p after the group gave a veiled warning late on Thursday that its money operations were being affected by the turbulent trading conditions. This prompted some brokers to downgrade their forecasts, with BZW trimming £10 million from its current year projection to £117 million, with next year's forecast cut from £146 million to £136 million.

British Gas dipped 2p to 291½p, on volume of 6.53 million shares, after Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, promised that there will be more competition for British Gas as a result of new legislation to be announced in the Queen's speech on November 16.

TI Group were in demand, adding 9p to 363p after Warburg, the merchant bank, advised clients to buy the shares. A recommendation by Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank, helped **Powell Duffryn** add 11p to 534p.

Brewers, however, had a mixed picture. **Guinness** were a weak market, slipping 4p to 467p, with Smith New Court, the broker, reiterating its cautious stance on the stock and Kleinwort Benson advising clients to switch out of Guinness and into **Grand Metropolitan**, 4p lower at 411p, which is perceived to be better suited to the consumer value conscious environment. Kleinwort has changed its stance on Guinness from a hold seller to trading seller.



Brewery shares had mixed fortunes in the market

Forte eased 3p to 233½p after news of a placing by UBS, the securities house, of 78 million shares, at 227p a share, to raise £175 million to part-fund the group's £230 million acquisition of the Meridien luxury hotels chain.

Bowater eased 1p to 446p after to news that the pulp and paper group is selling its Australian tissue operations to Carter Holt Harvey of New Zealand for £159 million. But nine-month profit figures from **Arjo Wiggins** disappointed, with the shares marked 8½p lower to 267½p.

London Industrial were unchanged at 330p on higher interim profits and plans to buy 17 industrial sites from A&J Mucklow for £20 million.

Attwoods, the waste management group, firmed 1p to 114p after again urging shareholders to reject the £364 million hostile bid from Browning-Ferris Industries. BFI, which has received acceptances for 30.61 per cent of Attwoods, is extending its offer until November 18.

Sage Group, which on Thurday announced a French acquisition, climbed 22p to 678p, giving a two-day gain of 73p. BZW has issued a buy recommendation, with the shares seen going to 750p.

Euro Disney found further support after Thursday's reduced losses and the hope that the Paris theme park group may at last be over the worst. The shares rose 9p to 105p, giving a two-day gain of 22p.

GILT-EDGED: Gilts had a quiet day until the US payroll numbers led to a small rally and US bonds stabilised, prompting some UK short covering. The December long gilt future ended 12 ticks higher at £101 7/32, on 65,000 contracts. Among cash stocks, gains stretched to £⅜ at the long end. There was also a late tap issue of £700 million, involving Treasury 8½ per cent 2005, Treasury 8¾ per cent 2017, index-linked 2½ per cent 2009 and index-linked 2½ per cent 2024, with a further £300 million to the National Debt Commissioners.

□ **NEW YORK:** Blue chips were up at midday on a day dominated by a mixed October US employment report. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 9.75 at 3,855.63.

Sleepy Kids, the cartoon and merchandising group, firmed 4p to 50p on news that it has signed a further 11 Budgie The Little Helicopter licensing deals. A second series of the cartoon, which is based on the characters created by the Duchess of York, is due to begin on Children's ITV in January next year.

MOVERS OF THE WEEK

	Current price	Week's change	
Lonrho	144½p	+10p	Tiny Rowland to quit board
Euro Disney	105p	+25p	Reduced losses, recovery hopes
Calluna	90p	+25p	New issue placed at 65p
Sage Group	678p	+73p	French acquisition/broker buy
Alvis	44p	+9p	Bid speculation/broker buy
Huntingdon Intnl	42p	-23p	Profit and dividend warning
MS International	30p	-17p	Warning of losses/no dividend
Boots	513p	-16p	Tough trading/broker downgrades
TransTec	54p	-2p	Profits warning

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3855.63 (+9.75)
S&P Composite .... 467.52 (-0.39)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 19811.56 (+60.91)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9330.40 (+38.44)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 410.76 (+0.40)

Sydney:
AO .... 1999.8 (-9.3)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2067.56 (+16.08)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2352.50 (+0.30)

Brussels:
General .... 7150.61 (+28.07)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1931.65 (+20.52)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 654.10 (+5.20)

London:
FT 30 .... 2371.7 (-5.5)
FT 100 .... 3097.6 (-6.8)
FT-SE Mid 250 .... 3534.6 (+3.8)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 .... 1333.72 (+8.19)
FT A All-Share .... 1538.05 (-1.97)
FT Non Financials .... 1658.78 (-3.61)
FT Gold Mines .... 267.9 (+2.4)
FT Fixed Interest .... 107.84 (+0.22)
FT Govt Secs .... 91.69 (+0.24)
Bargains 19107
SEAQ Volume 457.3m
USM (Datastrm) .... 155.56 (-0.42)
US$ .... 1.6083 (-0.0138)
German Mark .... 2.4530 (-0.0040)
Exchange Index .... 80.6 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.2796
£:SDR 1.0940
RPI .... 145.0 Sep (2.2%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

APTA Health Wts	6	-½
Abtrust Latin Am	87½	...
Abtrust Latin Wts	58	...
Adare Prntg	185	+5
Artesian Estates	75	+2
BZW Commodities (100)	87½	+½
BZW Commodities Wts	41	...
Calluna	90	...
Churchill China (280)	285	...
Ennemix (63)	67	...
Filtronic Comtek	135	+1
Games Workshop (115)	121	-2
Group Dv Cap Wts	24	...
Hambros Sml Asian	58	...
Hambros Smlr As Wts	27	...
Irish Permanent (180)	220	+3
Prolific Inc	487	...
Servisair (135)	144	...
Whitchurch	62	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

APTA Healthcare n/p (17)	¾	...
Bullers n/p (20)	1¼	-1¼
Matthew Clark n/p (500)	19	-3
Novo n/p (26)	¼	...
Sidlaw n/p (180)	15	...
Union Square n/p (5)	¾	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Powell Duffryn .... 534p (+11p)
Gerrard National .... 483p (+18p)
Farnell Elect .... 511p (+14p)
Lex Service .... 361p (+13p)

FALLS:
United Friendly .... 458p (-10p)
Kingfisher .... 458p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

A placing to stay

THE market should not really have been surprised at news of a share issue from Forte, no matter that the perception was that Rocco Forte had been denying for months that his company would be forced to make a rights issue to prop up its balance sheet following the Meridien purchase.

What Mr Forte had said was that a number of options were being considered, including, but as a least favoured course, an issue of equity. It now apears that the poor market for hotel sales, the hesitation of Gardner Merchant, where Forte has 24.6 per cent, to come to the stock market and the need for funds to refurbish the rest of its hotels leaves the company with little real choice.

A fortnight ago Forte put a "For Sale" sign more than 80 of its least desirable properties, but while the resurgence of the hotel sector is continuing apace Mr Forte is unlikely to have to resort to grappling hooks to fend off potential buyers. A placing has the advantage of cheapness, at least — Forte's new shares will not rank for the half-way dividend still awaiting payment, and total expenses are unlikely to top £2 million.

The Meridien purchase was a significant move in the drive to create an international hotel portfolio out of what was Lord Forte's old catering outfit and one of the few such games still in town after Forte lost out on Ciga. But it is not going to have much effect on the core business, although there are some synergistic benefits. Analysts are talking of perhaps 3 per cent earnings dilution for the first full year of ownership, to January 1996.

Assuming pre-tax profits of up to £170 million that year, the shares are now selling on 18 times' that year's earnings, suggesting that much of the further recovery in the hotels market is already in the price.

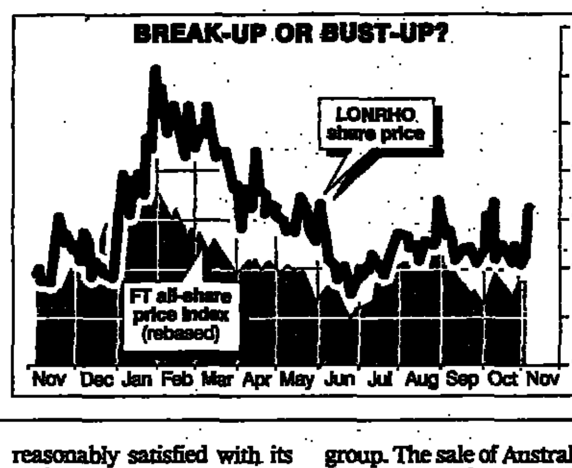
Lonrho

THE stock market appears to be locked in a confused time-warp over valuing Lonrho. As Tiny Rowland said goodbye to the doorman at Cheapside House on Thursday night, the market correctly assumed that Lonhro's era of paternalistic empire-building in Africa had ended, if somewhat belatedly. The company has always been an asset play — in the days of high inflation and depreciating sterling, Lonrho offered supposed inflation hedges in property and minerals with some exotic African businesses to add glamour if little profit.

A low-inflation economy in Britain has placed the investment focus on cash generation, a weak area for Lonrho, once one discounts disposals. Curiously, all the market talk is now of asset plays and break-up values, rather than the hard slog of squeezing more profit from the businesses in a less forgiving world.

Scant information on the assets makes the valuations questionable, reflected in a range from 130-200p. Lonrho's stake in the quoted Ashanti Goldfields has a market value and there is broad acceptance that the Western Platinum interest and the gold mines together total £900 million, not far from Lonrho's market value of £1.1 billion. Attributing a value to the Metropole Hotels, the motor dealers and the agriculture and trading businesses is pure guesswork but it is easy to apply flattering earnings multiples that bring the value to £1.5 billion. Add to that the wild card of an unleashed Rowland, and the market is awash with rumours of bids.

More difficult is identifying a way of realising the value. A flotation of part of Western Platinum is feasible but the real problems are elsewhere: last year, Lonrho incurred losses from manufacturing and motor dealerships, while its hotels have a difficult shareholder. If Lonrho has a hidden premium, it remains to be proven. Its new managers could start the process by publishing a more transparent set of accounts.



Bowater

BOWATER'S disposal of its Australian tissue business has been hinted at for so long that its loyal followers had begun to wonder if the group would ever find a buyer. The group's increasing focus on packaging businesses left the highly cyclical tissue business out on a limb when its British counterpart was sold off years ago.

Considering how long Bowater has had the business on the auction block, the price does not look astronomic. Carter Holt Harvey is only paying a fraction more than net assets. But this is an asset-intensive business, and the exit p/e ratio is in the low twenties, so Bowater can feel reasonably satisfied with its selling abilities.

The deal will reduce Bowater's gearing to as little as 20 per cent, which leaves the group in a quandary. The group has turned its back on big acquisitions, so it will have to invest the proceeds in smaller deals and capital projects. This it must do quickly if it means to avoid dilution of up to 0.5p a share on the disposal.

Luckily, there is no shortage of investment opportunities in Bowater's chosen packaging sector. The US is likely to receive the bulk of the cash, but Bowater also needs to expand in the growing Asian markets to fulfill its boast of being an international packaging group. The sale of Australian tissue and engineering naturally leaves a question over the future of Bowater's remaining non-packaging interests, particularly its building products division, which owns MiTek, the timber frame support maker and Zenith, a PVC window manufacturer.

Unlike tissue, however, the businesses earn a good return and do not demand much investment, so Bowater can afford to hold back on a disposal. While they will undoubtedly be sold one day, they represent a useful store of cash until Bowater's mood returns to deal-making.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	948-947	Mar	1042-1038
Mar	973-972	May	1051-1048
May	981-980	Jul	1060-1055
Jul	993-992	Sep	1070-1065
Sep	1007-1005		
Dec	1023-1021		Volume: 3512

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	3360-3340	Jul	3320-3310
Jan	3410-3405	Sep	3330-3310
Mar	3380-3375	Nov	3290-3260
May	3350-3345		Volume: 1739

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	348.6-45.8
Spot: 370.00		Oct	324.3-20.8
Dec	365.0-64.8	Dec	323.5-18.8
Mar	357.4-57.3	Mar	324.0-20.8
May	354.1-51.3		Volume: 1027

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 3

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	77.37	101.55	117.65
(+/-)	+2.84	+6.53	+0.19
Eng/Wales:	77.36	101.55	117.41
(+/-)	+2.84	+6.38	-0.26
(%)	+6.0	+16.0	-8.0
Scotland:	78.53	101.54	118.75
(+/-)	+3.04	+7.31	-0.02
(%)	-30.0	+1.0	-17.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.00	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Dec)	17.70	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Jan)	17.20	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	18.90	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	18.60	+0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 190 (n/c)	O: 192 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	154 (n/c)	156 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Dec	159 (+1)	161 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Jan	158 (+1)	160 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	100 (+1)	102 (+1)
Naphtha	172 (+2)	174 (+2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	154.00-54.25	Feb	158.75-59.00
Dec	156.25-56.50	Mar	158.50-58.75
Jan	157.75-58.00		Vol: 14352

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	17.69-17.71	Mar	16.75-16.80
Jan	17.17-17.20	Apr	16.70-16.75
Feb	16.97-17.01		Vol: 49239

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	104.50	Nov	100.40
Jan	105.90	Jan	102.85
Mar	107.85	Mar	105.75
May	109.85	May	107.50
Jul	111.75	Sep	92.00
Volume: 261		Volume: 91	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	unq
Apr	225.5	238.5
May	unq	250.0
		Volume: 353

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Dec 81.75-82.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 94	1771	1755	1755
Dec 94	1700	1680	1680
Jan 95	1625	1600	1615
Apr 95	1608	1602	1598
Vol: 116 lots		Open interest: 2674	
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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2723.0-2724.0	2680.0-2681.0	1945700
Lead ($/tonne)	673.00-674.00	688.00-689.00	229150
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1151.0-1152.0	1172.0-1173.0	467400
Tin ($/tonne)	6165.0-6175.0	6260.0-6265.0	36255
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1849.5-1850.0	1872.0-1872.5	1438050
Nickel ($/tonne)	7459.0-7460.0	7565.0-7570.0	108024

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom.	550	53	62½	69	5	11	19½
(*597½)	600	19	33	40	23½	31	42½
Argyll	260	14½	22	25	11½	16½	21½
(*264½)	280	6½	13½	16½	23	28	33
ASDA	60	6	8	9½	2½	3½	5
(*63)	70	2	4	5½	8½	9½	10½
Boots	500	24½	37	44½	14	20	26½
(*512)	550	6	15½	22½	48	50	56
Br Airways	360	19	30	36	16½	22	29½
(*362½)	390	8	17½	23½	36	40	47
BP	420	22	30½	38½	12	20	24½
(*427½)	460	6	13½	22	37½	43	47
Br Steel	140	17½	23	25½	2½	5	7
(*154½)	160	5½	11½	14½	11	13½	15½
C & W	390	31	42	50	13	19	26
(*407)	420	16	27½	35½	28	33½	41
CU	543	31	40	—	14½	30	—
(*553½)	592	10	18½	—	43½	60½	—
ICI	750	47	60½	70	15½	33	42
(*772½)	800	21	35½	46	41½	60	69
Kingfishr	420	51	62	65½	5	12	17½
(*459½)	460	24½	38½	42	18½	27½	35
Land Sec	600	30	42	49	11½	16	26½
(*619½)	650	8	19	25	42	43½	55½
M & S	390	32½	42	45½	4½	10	15
(*415)	420	14	24½	27½	16	21½	26½
Nat West	500	27	38	46½	16½	33	37½
(*509)	550	8	17½	26	48½	64½	68
Sainsbury	390	30½	43½	51½	8½	14	21
(*413)	420	13½	27	35½	21½	28	35½
Shell	700	38½	49	56	11	24	29
(*720½)	750	12	23	31	35½	51	55½
Smkl Bch	390	30½	39	46	10	16½	21½
(*411)	420	14½	24	31	24	31	36½
Storehse	200	19½	23½	27	3½	6	7½
(*215½)	220	8	12½	16½	12½	15	16½
Trafalgar	80	7	9½	12	4	6	7
(*83)	90	2½	5½	7½	9½	11½	12½
Unilever	1100	55	75½	87	19	35	46
(*1130½)	1150	28½	48½	61	43	60	71
Zeneca	850	45½	60½	72	21	39	46
(*866)	900	22	36	48½	48	66	73½
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	390	23½	33½	40	2	12½	16½
(*411)	420	5½	17	24½	14	28	31½
Ladbroke	140	8	16	19	1½	6	9½
(*146½)	160	0½	7	10½	14	17	21
Utd Bisc	300	19	30½	35	1½	6	13½
(*318)	330	4	14	19½	14½	19½	30

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	500	27	39	46½	9	14	20
(*517)	525	13½	25½	—	21	26	—
Thames W	500	33	46	53½	12	17	28½
(*526)	550	10	23	29	42	44½	56
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	420	19	33	41½	3½	12½	25½
(*434)	460	2	14	22½	27½	34	48
BTR	300	9	20	24½	4½	11	18½
(*303)	330	1	7	12½	27	29½	37
Br Aero	420	39	56	64	4½	15½	24½
(*454)	460	13½	34½	43½	20	33	44
Br Telcm	390	10	18	26	4½	15	19½
(*395)	420	0½	6½	13	25	35	37½
Cadbury	420	23½	35½	40½	2	8	16½
(*440)	460	3	15	20½	21½	27	38
Guinness	460	12	26	34	4½	12½	22
(*466)	500	0½	9½	16	34	37	45½
GEC	280	9½	16½	22½	3	9½	12
(*286½)	300	2½	8	13	14½	21	23
Hanson	220	9½	14	17½	2	8½	11½
(*226½)	240	1	5	8½	14	20	23
LASMO	134	13	—	—	1	—	—
(*140)	154	1½	—	—	10	—	—
Lucas	180	17	23	27	0½	4½	8
(*195½)	200	4	11½	16	7½	12½	16½
Pilkingtn	180	16½	19½	24	0½	4	7
(*195½)	200	3½	8½	13	7½	13½	16
Prudential	300	24½	33	37	0½	5½	11½
(*323)	330	4½	15	19½	10½	17½	26½
Redland	460	17	34½	42½	5½	16	30
(*469)	500	2½	16½	24½	31½	38½	55
Royal Ins	300	14	26	32½	5	14½	20
(*308)	330	2½	13½	20	23½	31½	37
Tesco	220	16	23½	28½	0½	4½	10
(*234½)	240	3	11½	17	8	13	19½
Vodafone	200	12	18½	25½	2	8	10½
(*209½)	217	3	10½	—	10	16½	—
Williams	325	22	—	—	0½	—	—
(*345)	354	4	—	—	11½	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3098)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Nov	170	124	83	50	26	12
Dec	191½	154	116	87	62½	42
Jan	219½	183	149	119	90½	69
Feb	237½	201	168½	139½	110½	90
Jun	—	247½	—	186½	—	140
Puts						
Nov	6	11½	21½	39	67	104½
Dec	26½	39	52	74	100	130½
Jan	46	59	76	96½	119	148
Feb	53½	66½	85	105½	128½	158
Jun	—	102	—	139½	—	192½

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	390	34	42½	46½	4	12½	18
(*416)	420	14½	24½	30	14½	27	32½
Amstrad	25	5	5½	7	0½	1	2
(*29)	30	2	3	4	2½	3½	4½
Barclays	550	47½	61	68	5½	17½	23½
(*587½)	600	16½	32½	41½	24	41	48
Blue Circ	280	15½	23½	29½	7	12	20
(*286)	300	6½	14½	20	18	22½	31
Br Gas	280	18	26	30½	4	9	15
(*291½)	300	7	15	20	12½	17½	25½
Dixons	180	16½	21½	26½	4½	9½	12½
(*191)	200	6½	12	16½	13½	19½	23
Forte	220	16½	24	28	4½	6	11½
(*233½)	240	7	13	17	13	14½	21½
Hillsdwn	160	12½	16½	20½	3	5½	10
(*164½)	180	3	6½	11	13½	16	21½
Lonrho	140	10½	14	19½	4	9½	11
(*144½)	160	3	6	11	16½	22	22½
Sears	100	10	13	14½	1	3	5
(*108)	110	4	7½	9	4½	7½	10
Thrn Eml	950	47	61½	83½	11½	26½	34½
(*978½)	1000	19½	36	56	33½	51½	58½
Tomkins	200	16	21	25½	3½	7½	11
(*211)	220	5½	11	15½	13	17½	21
TSB	220	16	20½	25	4	10½	13½
(*230)	240	6	10½	15½	14	21	24½
Wellcome	600	57½	76	87½	9½	21	32
(*643½)	650	27	48	60½	29	42	55
Series		Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo	600	37½	52	65	23½	38½	45½
(*607½)	650	16½	29½	43½	52½	67½	74
HSBC	700	59	75½	87	18	40	50½
(*733)	750	31	49½	62	40½	66	75½
Reuter	460	40½	51½	59	10	17	21½
(*487)	500	17½	29½	38	27	35½	40½
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
R-Royce	160	17½	23	26½	0½	3½	7
(*177)	180	3½	11	15½	6½	11½	16
Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	110	11	15½	18½	5	8	8½
(*117)	120	6½	11	14	10	13½	13½
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastern Gp	800	19½	44	61½	24½	47½	58
(*802½)	850	4½	23	40½	56	76½	85½
Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	39	51	62	5	12½	20½
(*494½)	500	15	28	39½	21	29½	39
Scot Pwr	330	33½	40½	48½	4½	12½	16½
(*356)	360	15	23½	33	16	25½	30½

November 4, 1994 Tot: 18335 Call: 8644 Put: 9691 FT-SE Call: 1244 Put: 3011
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 94	3112.0	3127.0	3096.0	3115.0	12801
Previous open interest: 57268	Mar 95	3128.0	3128.0	3128.0	3134.5	49
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94	93.55	93.63	93.54	93.60	24673
Previous open interest: 490594	Mar 95	92.75	92.84	92.74	92.80	34659
	Jun 95	92.17	92.24	92.16	92.20	5305
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94	93.93	93.93	93.93	93.93	53
Previous open interest: 4280	Mar 95				93.44	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94	94.81	94.85	94.80	94.83	14790
Previous open interest: 679033	Mar 95	94.52	94.57	94.50	94.56	33661
Long Gilt	Dec 94	100-20	101-18	100-19	101-07	65341
Previous open interest: 105997	Mar 95	100-06	100-06	100-06	100-14	13
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94	107.85	107.88	107.75	107.77	2141
	Mar 95	107.10	107.12	107.00	107.02	151
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 94	88.92	89.57	88.86	89.39	153961
Previous open interest: 192710	Mar 95	87.93	88.55	87.93	88.39	9970
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 94					
Previous open interest: 0						
Three month ECU	Dec 94	93.86	93.93	93.86	93.93	300
Previous open interest: 22493	Mar 95	93.45	93.50	93.42	93.48	746
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94	95.86	95.89	95.86	95.88	2028
Previous open interest: 45591	Mar 95	95.58	95.62	95.54	95.60	1231
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 94	99.80	100.54	99.70	100.33	35592
Previous open interest: 59506	Mar 95	99.00	99.30	99.00	99.24	1490

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5¼ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5 11/16 ; 3 mth 5 25/32 . Sell: 2 mth 5 5/8 ; 3 mth: 5 23/32 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 29/32-5 27/32	5 31/32-5 29/32	6-5⅞	6 5/16-6 3/16	
Sterling Money Rates:	5 13/16-5 11/16	6-5 13/16	6⅛-6	6½-6 7/16	7¼-7⅛
Interbank:	5 13/16-5 11/16	6-5 13/16	6⅛-6	6½-6 7/16	7¼-7⅛
Overnight: open 5¾, close 6.					
Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	6¼	6½	7¼
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5¾	5 15/16-5⅞	6-5 15/16	6⅜-6¼	7¼-7⅛
Dollar CDs:	5.13	n/a	5.68	6.00	6.66
Building Society CDs:	5⅞-5 13/16	6-5 15/16	6⅛-6	6½-6 7/16	7⅛-7 1/16

TREASURY BILLS: Applicts: £1,843m allotted: £350m; Bids: £98.61% received: 67%; Last week: £98.645% received: 94%; Avge rate: £5.5304% last wk £5.5342%; Next week: £350m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4 11/16-4 9/16	5¼-4⅞	5¾-5⅝	6¼-5 15/16	4⅞-3⅞
Deutschemark:	4 15/16-4 13/16	5-4 13/16	5 3/16-5 1/16	5⅝-5½	5-4
French Franc:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5 15/16-5 13/16	5¾-4⅞
Swiss Franc:	3 13/16-3 9/16	3 15/16-3⅝	4⅛-3 15/16	4⅝-4⅜	4⅛-3⅛
Yen:	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2⅜-2¼	2½-2⅜	2⅛-1⅛

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $383.80-384.20 Close: $383.70-384.20 High: $383.80-384.20
Low: $382.50-383.00 AM: $383.90 PM: $383.80
Krugerrand: $383.00-385.00 (£238.00-240.00)
Platinum: $415.75 (£258.65) Silver: $5.30 (£3.285) Palladium: $160.00 (£99.50)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 4	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7454-2.7520	2.7454-2.7480	¼-⅛pr	¾-⅝pr
Brussels	50.35-50.55	50.35-50.46	6pr-par	16-8pr
Copenhagen	9.5890-9.6230	9.5890-9.6040	¼-¾ds	¾-1¾ds
Dublin	1.0099-1.0167	1.0121-1.0147	4-1pr	8-3pr
Frankfurt	2.4490-2.4556	2.4490-2.4522	⅛-⅛pr	⅝-½pr
Lisbon	250.24-251.02	250.34-250.99	57-106ds	200-295ds
Madrid	204.05-204.60	204.11-204.41	29-36ds	95-105ds
Milan	2510.20-2522.30	2510.20-2513.50	5-6ds	16-18ds
Montreal	2.1828-2.1935	2.1861-2.1891	0.12-0.06pr	0.40-0.10pr
New York	1.6088-1.6134	1.6110-1.6120	0.09-0.07pr	0.15-0.12pr
Oslo	10.6770-10.7150	10.6770-10.6930	⅛-1¼ds	2¾-4¼ds
Paris	8.4030-8.4260	8.4030-8.4130	¼-⅛pr	1¼-⅛pr
Stockholm	11.8280-11.8870	11.8280-11.8530	1¼-2¼ds	6-7¼ds
Tokyo	157.12-158.12	157.12-157.38	¾-½pr	1½-1¼pr
Vienna	17.25-17.30	17.25-17.29	2-½pr	5½-3pr
Zurich	2.0453-2.0536	2.0453-2.0483	⅝-½pr	1¼-1pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

Australia	1.3358-1.3367
Austria	10.73-10.74
Belgium (Com)	31.36-31.40
Canada	1.3571-1.3576
Denmark	5.9725-5.9755
France	5.2310-5.2360
Germany	1.5245-1.5252
Hong Kong	7.7300-7.7305
Ireland	1.5846-1.5856
Italy	1563.00-1564.00
Japan	97.85-97.95
Malaysia	2.5635-2.5645
Netherlands	1.7090-1.7095
Norway	6.6510-6.6540
Portugal	155.70-155.90
Singapore	1.4710-1.4720
Spain	127.00-127.05
Sweden	7.3538-7.3613
Switzerland	1.2740-1.2750

Argentina peso*	1.6068-1.6095
Australia dollar	2.1488-2.1516
Bahrain dinar	0.6035-0.6155
Brazil real*	1.3599-1.3601
Cyprus pound	0.745-0.755
Finland markka	7.4870-7.6090
Greece drachma	374.75-381.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.4360-12.4446
India rupee	50.24-51.20
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4775-0.4875
Malaysia ringgit	4.1264-4.1293
Mexico peso	5.56-5.57
New Zealand dollar	2.5998-2.6035
Pakistan rupee	49.03 buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.007-6.135
Singapore dollar	2.3661-2.3692
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5720-6.6245
S Africa rand (com)	5.6612-5.6697
U A E dirham	5.8780-6.0020

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

3i	125	Legal & Gn	2,000
ASDA Gp	5,300	Lloyds Bk	753
Abbey Natl	892	MEPC	631
Allied Dom	1,300	Marks Spr	2,700
Argyll Gp	4,000	NatWst Bk	1,200
Arjo Wiggn	2,100	Nat Power	2,300
AB Foods	167	Nth Wst W	1,100
BAA	2,800	P & O	420
BAT Inds	2,700	Pearson	1,500
BOC	444	PowerGen	781
BP	6,300	Prudential	3,100
BTR	4,000	RMC	227
BT	5,300	RTZ	2,500
Bk of Scot	825	Rank Org	1,800
Barclays	4,700	Reckitt Col	376
Bass	580	Redland	685
Blue Circle	496	Reed Intl	1,000
Boots	2,700	Rentokil	378
Bowater	2,100	Reuters	3,400
Brit Aero	555	Rolls Royce	3,100
Brit Airwys	3,200	Ryl Ins	3,400
Brit Gas	6,500	Ryl Bk Scot	853
Brit Steel	7,000	Sainsbury	2,200
Burmah Cast	62	Schroders	6
Cable Wire	3,700	Scot & New	138
Cadbury	2,800	Scot Power	2,200
Caradon	1,400	Sears	614
Carlton Cms	718	Svrn Trent	1,300
Cm Union	1,200	Shell Trans	1,600
Courtaulds	738	Siebe	473
De La Rue	1,000	SmKl Bch	3,700
Eastern Elec	590	Smith Nph	993
Enterpr Oil	394	Sthrn Elec	1,400
Forte	3,100	Std Chartd	845
GKN	1,600	Sun Allnce	4,300
GRE	3,000	TI Gp	713
GUS	1,000	TSB	2,600
Gen Acc	1,000	Tesco	2,100
Gen Elec	9,500	Thames W	3,100
Glaxo	2,000	Thrn EMI	1,000
Granada	1,500	Tomkins	2,200
Grand Met	3,700	Unilever	565
Guinness	5,900	Utd Bisc	1,300
HSBC	2,100	Vodafone	1,800
Hanson	5,300	Warburg (SG)	697
ICI	3,300	Wellcome	588
Inchcape	301	Whitbread	611
Kingfisher	1,900	Wlms Hld	3,700
Ladbroke	2,000	Wolseley	106
Land Secs	825	Zeneca	1,600

	Nov 4 midday	Nov 3 close		Nov 4 midday	Nov 3 close		Nov 4 midday	Nov 3 close
AMP Inc	73¾	76	Enron Corp	32¾	32¼	Owens Corning	32	32¾
AMR Corp	53¾	53¾	Entergy	22⅝	23⅛	PNC Financial	23⅝	23⅝
AT & T	54½	54¼	Ethyl Corp	11¼	11⅛	PPG Industries	39⅝	39⅝
Abbott Labs	31¼	31⅛	Exxon	62⅞	63⅛	Paccar Inc	44	43⅝
Aetna Life	47⅞	47¼	FMC Corp	59⅝	59⅝	Pacificorp	17⅝	18
Ahmanson (HF)	18⅝	18½	FPL Group	33⅝	33⅝	Pac Enterprises	20⅝	21
Air Prod & Chem	47	46⅝	Federal Express	60	60⅝	Pac Gas & Elect	22⅝	22⅝
Albertson's	29¼	29¼	Fed Nat Mtge	73⅝	73⅝	Pac Telesis	30⅝	30⅝
Alcan Alumnm	26⅛	26⅛	First Chicago	49⅝	49⅞	Pall Corp	19⅛	18⅝
Alco Standard	58¾	57¼	First Interstate	78⅝	78⅞	Panhandle East	23⅝	23⅝
Allied Signal	33⅝	33¾	*First Union Rlty*	7⅛	7⅛	Parker Hannifin	46⅝	46
Alum Co of Am	84½	83¾	Fleet Finl Grp	33	32⅝	Peco Energy	25	25⅝
Amax Gold Inc	6⅞	6⅞	Fluor Corp	47⅝	46⅝	Penney (JC)	51⅛	51
Amerada Hess	49	48⅝	Ford Motor	29⅝	29⅝	Pennzoil	50⅝	51⅛
Amer Brands	34¼	34⅜	GTE Corp	30⅞	30⅝	Pepsico	35⅝	35⅝
Amer Cyanamid	99⅝	98¼	Gannett	47⅝	47⅝	Pfizer	73⅝	73⅝
Amer El Power	31⅛	32	Gap Inc Del	36⅝	36⅝	Phelps Dodge	59⅝	59⅝
Amer Express	31¼	31	Gen Dynamics	40⅝	41⅛	Philip Morris	60⅝	60⅝
Amer Genl Corp	27⅞	27⅝	Gen Electric	48⅝	49⅝	Phillips Pet	35⅝	36⅝
Amer Home Pr	63¾	63¾	Gen Mills	57⅞	57⅝	Pitney Bowes	33⅝	33⅝
Amer Intl	94⅞	94¼	Gen Motors	39⅝	39	Polaroid	32⅝	33⅝
Amer Stores	27	26⅞	Gen Reinsurance	114⅝	114⅝	PriceCostco	16⅝	16⅝
Ameritech	39⅝	40¼	Gen Signal	35⅝	35⅝	Procter & Gmbl	62⅝	62⅝
Amoco	62⅞	62¼	Genuine Parts	35⅝	35⅝	Providian	32⅝	32⅝
Anheuser-Busch	50¾	50¼	Georgia Pac	72⅞	72⅝	Pub Serv E & G	26⅝	26⅝
Apple Computer	40⅝	41⅛	Gillette	73	72⅝	Quaker Oats	68⅝	68⅝
Archer Daniels	27⅛	27¼	Glaxo ADR	19⅝	19⅝	Ralston Purina	42⅝	42⅝
Armco	7	7	Goodrich (BF)	43⅛	43⅝	Raychem Corp	36⅝	36⅝
Armstrng Wrld	42⅝	41¼	Goodyear Tire	35⅞	35⅝	Raytheon	63⅝	65⅝
Asarco	29⅛	29⅝	Grace (WR)	40⅝	40⅝	Reebok Intl	38⅝	38⅝
Ashland Oil	37⅛	36⅝	*Grt Atl Pac Tea*	25⅝	25⅝	Reynolds Metals	53⅝	53
Atl Richfield	105⅝	107⅛	Great Wstn Fin	17⅝	17⅝	Roadway Srvcs	54⅝	55
Auto Data Pro	57	56⅝	Halliburton	36	35⅝	Rockwell Intl	35⅝	35⅝
Avery Dennison	33⅝	33⅝	Harcourt General	36⅝	37⅛	Rohm & Haas	58⅝	57⅝
Avon Products	62⅝	62⅝	Heinz (HJ)	38⅝	38⅝	Royal Dutch	112⅝	112⅝
Baker Hughes	20	19⅝	Hercules	115⅝	114⅝	Rubbermaid	27⅝	27⅝
Baltim Gas & El	22⅝	23	Hershey Foods	47⅝	48⅝	Safeco Corp	50	49⅝
Banc One	28⅛	28¼	Hewlett Packard	97⅝	96⅝	St Paul's Cos	42⅝	42⅝
BankAmerica	43⅝	43⅝	Hilton Hotels	60⅝	60⅝	Salomon Inc	37⅝	38
Bank of NY	31¼	31¼	Home Depot	46	45⅝	Santa Fe Pac	15⅝	14
Bankers Tr NY	64⅝	64⅝	Homestake Mng	18⅝	18⅝	Sara Lee Corp	24⅝	24⅝
Barnett Banks	40¼	40¼	Honeywell	31⅛	31⅛	Scecorp	13⅝	13⅝
Bausch & Lomb	33⅝	33⅝	Household Intl	36⅝	35⅝	Schering Plough	72⅝	72⅝
Baxter Intl	26½	26	Houston Inds	34⅝	34⅝	Schlumberger	57⅝	56⅝
Bectn Dicknsn	46¼	46⅝	Humana	23⅝	23	Scott Paper	66⅝	67⅝
Bell Atlantic	51⅞	52⅝	ITT Corp	84⅝	84⅝	Seagram	29⅝	29⅝
BellSouth	51¼	51⅞	Illinois Tool	43⅝	43⅝	Sears Roebuck	49⅝	49⅝
Black & Decker	25	25	Illinova	19⅝	19⅝	Shell Trans	69⅝	69⅝
Block (H&R)	44⅛	44	INCO	29⅝	29⅝	Sherwin Wlms	32	32
Boeing	43⅝	44	Ingersoll Rand	34⅝	34⅝	Skyline Corp	18⅝	18⅝
Boise Cascade	25⅛	25⅝	Inland Steel	36	37⅝	Snap-On-Tools	31⅛	31⅛
Borden Inc	13⅝	13⅝	Intel Corp	61⅝	61⅛	Southern Co	19⅝	19⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	58⅝	58	IBM	73⅝	73⅝	Sthwestern Bell	41⅝	41⅝
Browning Ferris	31¼	31⅛	Intl Flav & Fr	43⅝	43⅝	Sprint Corp	33⅝	33⅝
Brunswick	20⅝	20⅞	Intl Paper	73⅝	73⅝	Stanley Works	39⅝	39
Burlington Nthn	48⅝	48⅝	James River Va	22	22⅝	Sun Company	30⅝	31⅛
CBS	56⅛	55⅝	Jnsn & Jnsn	54⅛	54⅝	Sun Microsys	32⅝	33⅝
CNA Financial	67⅝	67⅝	Kellogg	57⅝	57⅝	Suntrust	49⅝	49⅝
CPC Intl	52⅝	52⅝	Kerr-McGee	49⅝	48⅝	Supervalu	24⅝	24⅝
CSX	70½	70⅝	Kimberly-Clark	51	50⅝	Sysco Corp	26⅝	26⅝
Campbell Soup	41⅛	41⅛	Kmart	16⅛	16⅝	TRW Inc	68⅝	68⅝
Can Pacific	15⅝	15⅝	Knight-Ridder	49⅝	50⅝	TCC Inds	2⅝	2⅝
Cptl Cities ABC	81¼	81¼	Lilly (Eli)	64⅝	64⅝	Tandem Comp	17⅝	17⅝
Carolina Pwr	26	26⅛	Limited Inc	20⅝	20⅝	Tandy Corp	44⅝	44⅝
Caterpillar	57⅞	57⅛	LIN Brdcstng	138⅛	138⅞	Teledyne	17⅝	17⅝
Central & SW	21¼	21¼	Lincoln Nat	37⅝	37⅝	Temple Inland	48⅝	48⅝
Champion Intl	36⅝	36⅝	Litton	35⅝	36⅝	Tenneco	42⅝	43⅝
Chase Manhat	36⅛	35⅞	Liz Claiborne	22⅝	22⅝	Texaco	62⅝	62⅝
Chemical Bk	36⅝	37¼	Lockheed	71⅛	72⅝	Texas Inst	76⅝	76⅝
Chevron Corp	44⅛	44⅝	Louisiana Pac	29⅝	30	Texas Utilities	31⅝	31⅝
Chrysler	47⅞	48	MCI Comm	22⅝	22⅝	Textron	51⅛	51⅛
Chubb Corp	68⅝	70	Marriott Int	29⅝	29⅝	Time Warner	34⅝	34⅝
Cigna Corp	67⅞	66⅛	Marsh & McLnn	75⅝	76	Times-Mirror	31⅝	31⅝
Citicorp	45⅛	46¼	Masco Corp	29⅝	23⅝	Timken	33⅝	34⅝
Clorox	53⅝	53⅝	May Dept St	39⅝	38⅝	Torchmark	37⅝	37⅝
Coastal Corp	29	29	Maytag Corp	16	15⅝	Toys R Us	38⅝	38⅝
Coca Cola	50⅛	49⅝	McDonalds	29⅝	29⅝	Transamerica	49⅝	49⅝
Colgate-Palmolive	60⅞	60⅝	McDonnell D	136⅝	136⅝	Travelers	34	34⅝
Columbia Gas	26⅛	25⅞	McGraw Hill	73⅛	73⅝	Tribune	52⅝	52⅝
Compaq Comp	39⅞	39⅝	Mead Corp	49⅝	49⅝	Tyco Labs	47⅝	47⅝
Comp Ass Int	48¼	48⅝	Medtronic	49⅝	50⅝	UST Inc	27⅝	26⅝
Conagra	30⅝	31	Mellon Bk	54⅛	54⅝	UAL	95⅝	96⅝
Cons Edison	25⅝	25⅝	Melville Corp	34⅝	34⅝	USX Marathon	18⅝	19
Cons Nat Gas	35⅞	35⅝	Merck Inc	35⅝	35⅝	Unicom	21⅛	21⅝
Cons Rail	53⅝	54⅝	Merrill Lynch	39⅝	39⅝	Unilever NV	116⅝	117⅝
Cooper Inds	37⅝	37⅝	Minnesota Mine	53⅝	54	Union Camp	46⅝	46⅝
Corning Inc	32⅝	33⅝	Mobil Corp	83⅝	83⅝	Union Carbide	31	30⅝
Crown Cork	38⅞	38⅝	Monsanto	75⅝	76	Union Pacific	50⅝	49⅝
Dana Corp	24⅝	25	Morgan (JP)	60⅝	60⅝	Unisys Corp	10⅝	10⅝
Dayton Hudson	81¼	81¼	Motorola Inc	60	59⅝	USAIR Group	4⅝	4
Deere	69⅝	68⅝	Natl Medical	14⅝	14⅝	USF&G Corp	13⅝	13⅝
Delta Air Lines	51¼	51¼	Natl Semi	18	17⅝	US Life	32⅝	32⅝
Deluxe Corp	28⅝	28¼	Natl Service Ind	26⅝	26⅝	US West	37⅝	37⅝
Detroit Edison	26⅝	26⅝	Navistar Int	13⅝	13	United Tech	61⅝	61⅝
Digital Equip	31	30⅝	NBD Bancorp	29⅝	29⅝	Unocal Corp	28	28⅝
Dillard Dept St	26⅝	26⅝	NY Times A	23⅝	22⅝	Upjohn	32⅝	32⅝
Disney (Walt)	40⅝	39⅝	Newmont Mng	40⅝	40⅝	VF Corp	50⅝	51
Dominion Res	36⅝	36⅝	Niag Mohawk	13⅝	13⅝	WMX Tech	28⅝	28⅝
Donnelley (RR)	30	30⅝	Nike B	60⅝	60⅝	Wal-Mart Stores	23⅝	23⅝
Dover Corp	55	54⅝	NL Industries	12⅝	12⅝	Warner-Lambert	74⅝	74⅝
Dow Chemical	69⅝	69⅝	*Noram Energy*	6	6	Wells Fargo	145⅝	144⅝
Dow Jones	29⅝	29⅝	Nordstrom	46⅝	46⅝	Westinghouse El	13⅝	13⅝
Dresser	21¼	21⅝	Norfolk Sthrn	63⅝	63⅝	Weyerhaeuser	39⅝	38⅝
Duke Power	39⅝	39⅝	Nthn State Pwr	44	44⅝	Whirlpool	52⅝	53
Dun & Brdstreet	57⅞	57⅞	Norwest Corp	26	26⅝	Whitman	16⅝	16⅝
Du Pont	55⅝	55⅝	Nynex Corp	38⅝	39	Winn Dixie	53⅝	53
Eastman Kodak	48	47⅝	Occidental Pet	21⅛	21⅝	Woolworth	15⅝	15⅝
Eaton Corp	51⅞	51⅛	Ohio Edison	18⅝	18⅝	Wrigley (Wm) Jr	45⅝	45⅝
Emerson Elec	61¼	61¼	Oracle Systems	44⅝	44⅝	Xerox	102⅝	102⅝
Engelhard Corp	22⅝	22⅝	Oryx Energy Co	13⅝	13⅝	Yellow Corp	19⅝	19⅝



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How to stay in touch with the world

Should you go global with your investments? **Robert Miller** offers some guidance

Private investors have been pouring record sums of money into the UK stock market this year, primarily through unit and investment trusts. Part of the attraction for keeping the money close to home is to make full use of the tax-free £6,000 personal equity plan allowance that applies to British and European companies.

But by letting the tax-tail wag the investment dog you are cutting yourself off from the rest of the world. Given the rapid growth of world stock markets, this could be a mistake. Tim Miller, chairman of Portfolio fund management, says: "If you decide to stick with just the UK, it gives you very little diversification. In global stock market terms, Britain is only a small-ish part of the picture."

Markets that would have been regarded as extremely high risk in the past, and that includes nearly all emerging markets, are now considered core holdings. Having started with a domestic blue-chip trust and, possibly, another that concentrates on smaller companies or recovery situations, start to look at achieving a reasonable exposure to other stock markets.

You have the choice of trusts dedicated to individual markets, or those that invest worldwide. There is no need to allocate your money in accordance with official stock market weightings.

There are four categories of international unit trusts — equity income, growth, fixed-interest, and balanced — and three types of international investment trusts — general, capital growth, and income growth.

If you want to play it really safe you can opt for an international fixed-interest unit trust, or an international balanced trust that invests in a mixture of equities and fixed-interest instruments. Alternatively, you could opt for a fund of funds unit trust that invests in a range of unit trusts run by the same group.



Taking control: the political rough and tumble in the United States should not deter investors

EMERGING MARKETS

MANAGERS of emerging market unit trusts can now invest directly in a far wider range of countries because of important new concessions granted this week. On Tuesday, the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the chief city regulator, lifted the restrictions on the markets in which emerging market unit trusts can invest directly.

Until now, fund managers have had to use existing investment trusts, or other types of quoted companies, to gain access to these markets. For example, although a number of emerging market unit trusts invest money in Latin America, Mexico was the only SIB-recognised market in the region. Investment trusts already enjoy much greater freedom to invest directly.

The SIB has told unit trust managers that they must exercise restraint and invest directly only in markets that are properly regulated and from where money can easily be repatriated if necessary.

The rapid growth in the number of unit and investment trusts investing in emerging markets has been based on the introduction of democratic politics and free-market economic policies in most of the 30-plus markets classified as "emerging" by the International Finance Corporation.

But emerging markets are volatile. Many investors, who piled in during the massive bull run of last year, saw some of these markets fall by up to 30 per cent in the first half of this year. Investors who were with well-diversified trusts investing in a number of markets should have been cushioned from the worst of the fallout. Those who stayed at home and invested in the FT-SE 100 index have seen the index fall by nearly 10 per cent since January.

Jean De Bolle, head of strategy at Foreign & Colonial Emerging Markets, says that, on a very conservative global estimate, emerging markets are expected to grow at between 6 to 7 per cent a year over the next 15 years. This compares with 3 per cent a year in Europe "at best".

He adds that in an overall portfolio, emerging markets trusts could account for up to 35 per cent "without adding too much volatility". For the most risk-averse investors, he says an exposure of up to 18 per cent is in order.

JAPAN

INVESTORS looking to the East face a dilemma. Should they choose a straightforward Japanese trust, one that invests in the Far East excluding Japan, or one that offers exposure to the whole Pacific region? The alternative is to pick two, so that one fund manager concentrates on Japan and the other on the smaller Far Eastern markets.

Japan is still the powerhouse in the region, even if it is unlikely to repeat its phenomenal growth of the 1970s and 1980s. Simon Fraser, Japanese fund manager at Fidelity, says: "There is still a lot of potential in the Japanese market. The country is way ahead of the US and other competitors in investing in neighbouring countries such as Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore." Goods are made in these countries at low cost and then sent back to Japan.

Until recently, the Japanese domestic consumer market was regulated heavily. Now, says Mr Fraser: "The restrictions are being lifted and people encouraged to spend. This presents a lot of investment opportunities. But you have to choose the individual companies rather than looking at the sectors."

EUROPE

INVESTORS looking to Europe have 126 unit trusts and 21 investment trusts to choose from. Some will include the UK, but most do not.

Dino Fuschillo, director of the European desk at Lazard Investors, says even the largest continental stock markets are not as well developed as the UK's.

He adds: "The potential for catching up is certainly very strong. More European countries are gearing up for privatisation programmes and there is enormous potential for funds to come into the market as governments encourage the launch of company and personal pensions to take over from bankrupt state schemes. This money will find its way into the stock market."

The economic recovery is in its first year and GDP growth of 2.5 per cent has exceeded expectations.

Mr Fuschillo says that companies are stronger than in the last recovery cycle. Car manufacturers, for example, have benefited from low-cost labour in Eastern Europe. VW has linked-up with Skoda in the Czech Republic and Fiat is building the Cinquecento in Poland. The Netherlands is attractive on a company basis. Philips, the electronic company, announced third-quarter results this week, well above expectations.

German companies were the last to start restructuring and so the benefits have not been fully realised. There is a question mark over French stock market valuations and it is difficult to find attractively rated companies.

Switzerland offers defensive qualities with companies such as Nestlé. Scandinavia's attractions lie in individual stock picking with companies such as Finland's Nokia, a mobile phone and television manufacturer.

NORTH AMERICA

PRESIDENT Clinton no longer faces quite the drubbing in the forthcoming mid-term elections that he might have expected a few weeks ago. His standing in the opinion polls may still be low, but is beginning to climb, albeit slowly.

But Jane Lucas, head of US equities at Schroders, says: "Even if the Democrats retain control of both the Congress and the Senate, the results are still likely to be seen as a significant reversal. It means that, legislatively, he will be quite constrained. The US stock market might actually see this as a positive point." There are 133 unit trusts listed under the North American sector, and seven investment trusts.

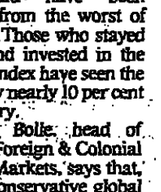
This week, the US Federal Reserve had to intervene in the currency markets to support the dollar but, over the longer term, the greenback is likely to strengthen against the Japanese yen. Not all fund managers hedge against currency fluctuations and the trusts they manage may then suffer.

Earnings growth from US companies, and particularly among the smaller firms, has been particularly strong this year and, Ms Lucas adds, productivity will continue to improve, especially in the services sector. This improvement could continue for at least a couple of years. "We like US smaller companies and think that the earnings growth rate will remain faster than at larger companies. The premiums which investors are being asked to pay for these companies is modest by past standards."

But investors who back the US smaller companies trusts must be prepared to switch at some time in the recovery cycle when valuations become overdone. Some exposure to North America is desirable as it is the world's largest stock market. But this should not be on a strict stock market capitalisation basis and an overall ceiling of about 25 per cent is probably worth sticking to. Within that limit, you might have an exposure to smaller companies, with the remainder in a trust that concentrates on blue chips.

Distrusted utilities pay

STRATEGY



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Is privatisation really accepted? To modest investors, the supposed consensus for private sector business must ring false. Most of us have unduly large investments in privatised utilities, which are more regularly attacked from all sides than the rest of private business put together. The Opposition, while focusing on the trappings of plc status, does not accept that companies should maximise returns from regulated public services. Thursday's Post Office climbdown shows that many Tories see conflict between profit and public service. Others are simply addicted to harrying former state monopolies.

For investors, this is bad news. The utility sector has performed strongly on the stock market, in spite of the attacks. Indeed, some envy stems from utilities riding the recession out so well. The specialist Gartmore Shaw Utilities unit trust claims to be top performer over a year among general UK equity funds. Since the start of 1990, the FT-SE utilities index has risen two thirds, the FT-SE 100 blue chip index only a quarter.

That utilities index already covers 36 companies. Next year, up to £4 billion of stock should be added when the Government sells the rest of National Power and PowerGen and a similar amount when the electricity companies launch National Grid. Eventually, both the Post Office and Railtrack are likely to join the list. Their capital will, however, probably be in a form tailored to their status as basic utilities. This might link dividends, not just prices, to inflation.

The capital performance of utility stocks certainly owes something to the initial discounts needed to get vast share sales away. But most of it rests on dividend growth, the most solid basis for any share price. With a few exceptions, utility stocks have consistently been valued more cautiously than the market as a whole, with higher dividend yields and lower earnings valuations than the average. In this sense, they have mimicked the former tobacco stocks, the best friends of an earlier generation of retired investors — unexciting mature businesses that keep delivering year after year.

There is no paradox in consistent low ratings and good capital performance. Investors should start getting worried only when mature utilities shake off their lowly status. That heightens political pressure to redress matters.

Shares in most regional electricity companies now yield less than the market average. The new price regime is deemed soft, bringing predictions of 12-14 per cent regular dividend growth. They will also benefit from floating the Grid, thrown in for nothing at privatisation. Both are warning signals. The Chancellor may well levy a big chunk of the surplus long before any potential Labour government gets the chance.

Judging from Thames's 11 per cent dividend rise this week, some water companies are again bent on dividend competition to boost their shares. They want to be near the top of a range of 4-6 per cent real dividend growth already set as a marker by sector analysts since the new price regime was set in the summer. Wisely, however, this strong growth has not been translated fully into share ratings.

Investors should not forget the long period of underperformance by water shares ahead of the last election. Utilities may be sound long-term income investments but share prices are quite volatile, mainly on political or regulatory uncertainty, and it can pay to trade.

The regulatory process will always keep a critical spotlight on utilities. But eventually, some uneasy and unspoken political settlement may emerge between the interests of shareholders and consumers. It would be helped by a possible change in accounting for deferred tax, which would cut utilities' reported profits without affecting their capacity to pay dividends. Any political truce would probably leave dividends rising a little faster than the economy, say inflation plus up to 4 per cent. More is a welcome bonus, but should not be relied on.

Any such long-term truce might erode ratings. But it should suit investors looking for steady rises in real income. Even better if core income can be bought much more cheaply than index-linked gilt-edged, which offers far less.

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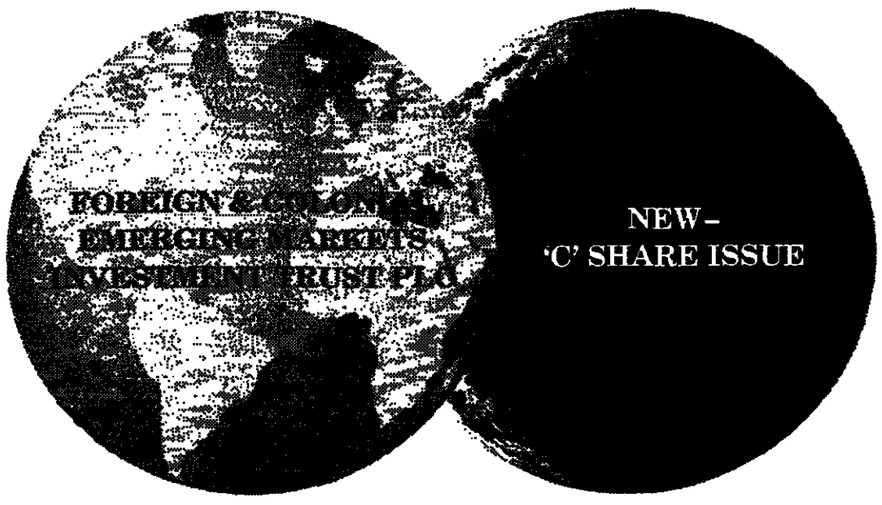
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Renault heads for the open road



It is too late to climb aboard Renault, but other French issues are in the pipeline

ANYONE still vacillating over whether or not to invest in Renault shares has hesitated too long. The flagship offer in France's privatisation programme closes next Thursday — too late for most British investors to get their offer processed.

But, is it a good idea for private investors to go for this type of offer in the first place? "Probably not," says Matthew Orr, a partner in Killik & Co, the private client stockbroker. "Going by what's happened in past offers, individuals get such small allocations that, by the time they've paid all the charges, they are left with little or no profit."

But Katrina Ellis, director in charge of privatisations at Johnson Fry, the financial services group, maintains that French privatised stocks can offer small investors a good deal, in spite of the charges. She predicts that, at Fr165 apiece to individual investors, plus a 10 per cent bonus share offer, Renault's shares should go to a generous premium.

Johnson Fry operates two French privatisation services. Under the managed service, applicants invest £1,000, plus a one-off £60 fee, and apply for shares in each privatisation. The shares are then sold, and the proceeds automatically used for the next privatisation, unless the investor says otherwise. Alternatively they can invest £4,800, plus a one-off £200 fee, in the portfolio service, which allows them to hold the shares in each privatisation for the longer term in order to receive bonus shares. If they wish to sell, they may do so once a month.

A further 15 or 20 French companies are in line for privatisation over the next few years, starting with AGF, the insurance group, in January.

Pension action hits snag

Sara McConnell says that victims of pensions mis-selling face a long wait for compensation

Life companies have started to examine the files of hundreds of thousands of people who may have been wrongly advised to transfer out of their company pension scheme and into a personal pension.

But they say they cannot contact many of those potentially most in danger of losing benefits for at least another month. They are waiting for the Securities and Investments Board (SIB) to produce a model questionnaire to be sent, to clients who either opted out of their employers' scheme or did not join an occupational scheme in the first place.

Life firms cannot normally tell just from their records if people have opted out or not joined their employer's scheme, so they will have to contact their customers directly. But they have started work isolating other cases.

■ **Prudential** has been setting up administrative systems and allocating resources so that it can reopen files and investigate where necessary. It has also been isolating cases in priority categories. The Pru says that, while this is easy to do when people have transferred lump sums from previous employers, it cannot isolate opt-out cases until it can send out questionnaires. Anyone worried about their pension can write to Mike Davies at the Prudential, 142, Holborn Bars, London ECIN 2NH.

■ **Pearl** has already identified 38,000 opt-out cases after carrying out its own survey earlier this year. So far, it has reviewed 7,000 files in detail and is now going through the rest of the opt-out files in order of priority. It has not yet paid any compensation. It has also identified 10,000 priority cases, from a total of 85,000 older, or retired, people who have transferred lump sums from previous employers. None has yet been contacted. It has set up a customer benefit review team. If you are worried, write to: Max Mauchlin, CBRT, Pearl Assurance, Pearl Centre, Peterborough PE2 6FY.

■ **TSB Life**, following earlier guidance from SIB, wrote earlier this year to customers who had transferred sums from previous employers. Priority cases can expect to be contacted over the next few weeks, starting with the dependants of those who have died since taking out a personal pension. Of the 55,000 transfer cases identified, 10,000 are considered priorities. It has set up a pensions unit. Phone Wendy Broome at TSB Life on 0264 346838.

■ **Allied Dunbar** has already contacted a couple of hundred people who had asked for their pensions to be reviewed. It set up a pensions review team in the middle of last month, which will now review all priority cases. Call 0793 514514 and ask for the pensions review team.

■ *GA Life has identified 270* priority cases of people who transferred and are near or over retirement, or who have since died. It believes it can assess many of these peoples' losses via its own records and by talking to the trustees of the occupational pension schemes from which they transferred.

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2 The application may be signed by another person on your behalf if that person is duly authorised to do so under power of attorney. The power of attorney (or a copy duly certified by a solicitor or bank) must be enclosed for inspection. A corporation should sign under the hand of a duly authorised official, whose representative capacity must be stated.

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5 You may apply jointly with up to three other persons. Boxes 3 and 4 must be completed by each applicant. All other persons who wish to join in the application must complete and sign Box 6. Another person may sign on behalf of any joint applicant if that person is duly authorised to do so under power of attorney. The power of attorney (or a copy duly certified by a solicitor or bank) must be enclosed for inspection. Share and Warrant certificates, cheques and other correspondence will be sent to the address in Box 3.

6 Please note that joint applicants may not themselves open a PEP.

WEEKEND MONEY COMMENT

SIB stoops to the occasion

First, people are told they would be better off in a personal pension than in their company scheme. After all, the life assurance salesman tells them persuasively, company schemes are not that safe. Think of Robert Maxwell. And you can retire earlier with a personal pension, perhaps with a larger pension, if the money is invested well. Hundreds of thousands of people believed this and signed on the dotted line, while the salesman pocketed a fat commission.

Three or four years on, they find they have been misled. They have left a better pension scheme for a worse one. They, and their families, could lose out on thousands of pounds of valuable benefits. During this time, regulators have made feeble attempts to restrain life companies and their salesmen by issuing "guidance" that pension transfers are not always a good idea. Many life companies, not surprisingly, ignored the advice. Business was booming and they weren't about to choke off the goose that laid the golden eggs.

Finally, regulators decide to act more decisively. They publish a report showing that nine out of ten salesmen either have not bothered to get enough information to give sensible advice on transferring, or have positively given wrong advice in the face of overwhelming evidence that someone should stay put.

A whole year after this shocking disclosure, the Securities and Investments Board tells life offices, in detail, how they should set about compensating people who have lost out. It identifies priority cases, the retired, the older, and the already dead, whose dependants are living off the proceeds of an inferior pension. Finally, something is being done, people may think.

But the blundering bureaucracy of "self regulation" that is our only defence against unscrupulous and greedy life offices and their salesmen is still causing delays. Life companies cannot identify hundreds of thousands of people who opted out of their existing employer's scheme — almost all priority cases for compensation — without sending them a questionnaire to get more details. This questionnaire is being designed by SIB. But it will not be ready for at least four more weeks. By then Christmas is looming and most people will not hear anything until the new year. Two more months of worry at least. Life offices are reluctant to compile and send out their own questionnaires in case they conflict with whatever SIB requires and they end up having to repeat the whole exercise. Why did SIB not start work on the questionnaire earlier if it was going to be a problem?

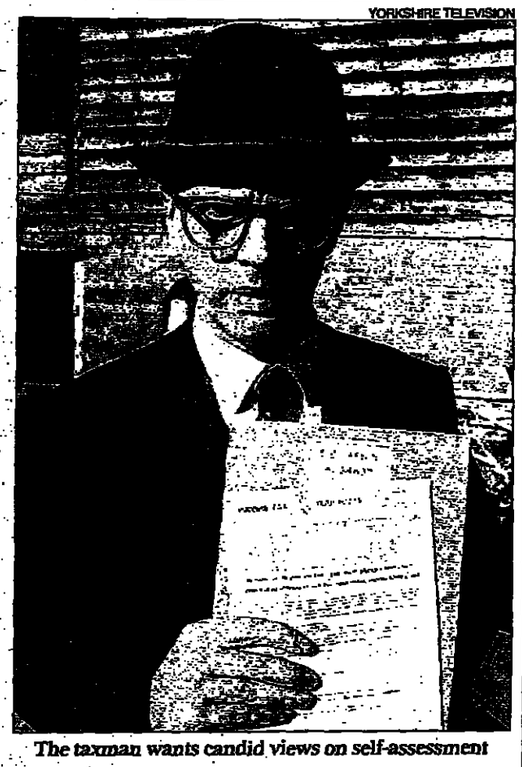
On top of this, the clumsily structured regulatory system means that SIB's "instructions" to life offices are not really instructions at all. They are "guidance" (that weasel word again) to its junior regulator, the Personal Investment Authority, which actually regulates the life offices. The PIA then has to issue another set of instructions to its members. These will not be ready until the end of December. More delays.

Mass mis-selling of pensions is the biggest challenge the new slimmed down regulatory system has yet had to face. So far, it shows every sign of stooping obediently to the occasion.

Robert Miller on new forms of tax appeal

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The taxman wants candid views on self-assessment

In an almost unprecedented bout of glasnost, the Inland Revenue is seeking taxpayers' views on the new self-assessment tax returns and the guidance notes that go with them.

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You can obtain a free copy of self-assessment consulton pack from the Public quiry Room, West Wing, merset House, London C2R 1LB. The pack contains questionnaire for comments the proposals, plus an roductory leaflet, a note out the new tax return, and rther examples of the return d the guidance notes.

The first self-assessment rerns will be issued in April 97, but the countdown has gun already. If you are arting up a business, some of e new rules came into force the start of the current tax ar on April 6. The first completed self-assessment returns will have to be filed by January 31, 1998.

Under the new system, you can work out how much you owe the taxman or, if you are lucky, how much you are owed, under the category of "taxpayer calculation".

Alternatively, the Revenue can calculate what it thinks you owe, based on figures supplied by you. This is known as a "Revenue calculation". If you choose this course, you will have to file your return, once the self-assessment system has started, by the end of September, rather than January. This will allow the tax inspector enough time to do the sums.

But, whatever your views on the new system, the Revenue is making it plain what happens if you fall foul off its deadlines. There will be an automatic penalty of at least £100 for late payers, and interest plus a 5 per cent surcharge will be added to the unpaid bill from the date it is due.

■ *Completed questionnaires should be sent by December 16 to: Richard Steele, Tax Return Consultation, Room 318, South West Wing, Bush House, London WC2B 4RD.*

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■ Lautro has ordered Century Life to undertake a review of the business of CCL Assurance, which it took over in 1992 and merged with its existing business in 1993. Century was also ordered to pay compensation to investors who had lost money. But Lautro is not insisting on a disciplinary hearing because Century has sorted out most of its problems and paid a total of £5,415 compensation to 15 policyholders.

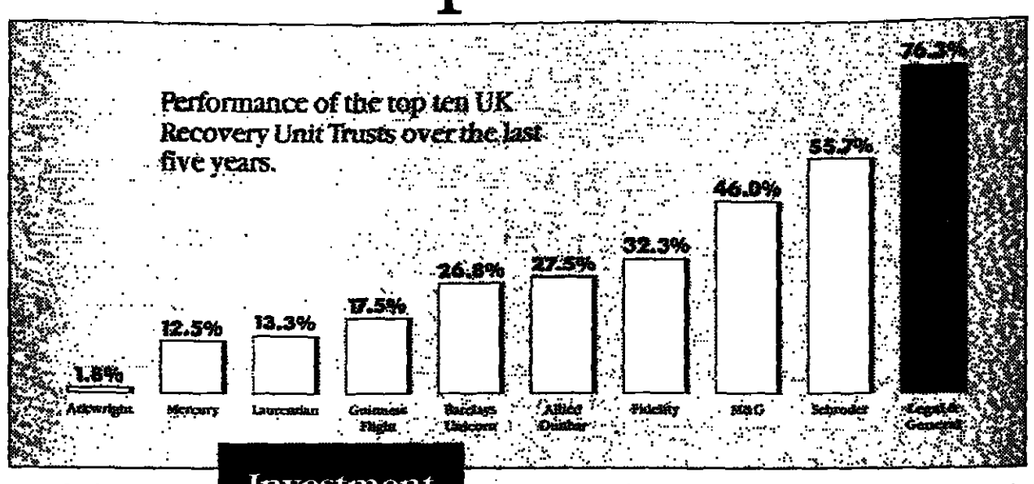
■ TSB has two ten-year fixed-rate loans of 9.49 per cent and 9.69 per cent. The 9.49 per cent offer has an arrangement fee of £50 for first-time buyers and £250 for others. Borrowers have to take buildings and contents insurance with the bank. The 9.69 per cent offer has the same arrangement fees, but borrowers do not have to take out insurance with TSB.

■ Perpetual has launched a Latin American Growth Fund that aims to achieve capital growth by investing in the stock markets of Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Venezuela, Columbia and Peru. Units will be available at a fixed price of 50p until November 18. The minimum investment is £1,000, or £20 monthly.

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Single-company personal equity plans are the cheapest, tax-efficient way to invest in the shares of your favourite company. The single-company Pep allows tax-free investment of up to £3,000 each tax year in the shares of just one company. As the choice of share is at the investor's discretion, there is no need for a fund manager. The savings in management can be passed on to the investor through charges that are usually much lower than conventional Peps.

These schemes best suit people who have shares from an approved employee share option scheme, or a profit-sharing scheme. Employees who transfer such shares into a single-company Pep within 90 days of receiving them do not have to pay capital gains tax.

Any investor over the age of 18 can take out a single-company Pep plus the full £6,000 allowance of a conventional Pep in any one tax year, boosting tax-free investment potential to £9,000. The investor could even use the £6,000 allowance to invest in the same shares as the single-company Pep. This kind of investment is known as a corporate Pep. But Amanda Davidson, a partner with Holden Meehan, a London-based independent financial adviser, gives a warning that even a £3,000 investment in a single-company Pep entails too much risk for investors who are neither members of employee share schemes nor have large investment portfolios. She says: "A small investor will not get enough diversification in his portfolio if he puts so much money into the shares of just one company. People should be wary of investing for tax reasons, rather than looking carefully at the underlying investment."

An investor who wants to transfer shares that are already owned into a single-company Pep must first sell them to realise any capital gains. The Pep plan manager will then repurchase the investor's preferred shares through the Pep scheme. Many Pep managers offer plans that allow an investor a free hand in choosing which shares go into the Pep. Chase de Vere Investments publishes a guide to Peps that lists providers of such plans and their charges.

Alternatively, many firms sponsor their own corporate and single-company Peps. The administration is done by a third-party specialist, such as a bank, building society, or stockbroker that already offers a range of Peps. Sponsored Peps are often the cheapest way to invest in the shares of one company. Not only is the plan likely to be subsidised by the company concerned, but Pep costs may be cut further by using the company's share registrar for administration. Steve Widmer, business development manager for Midland Stockbrokers, says: "The registrar already has the necessary information."

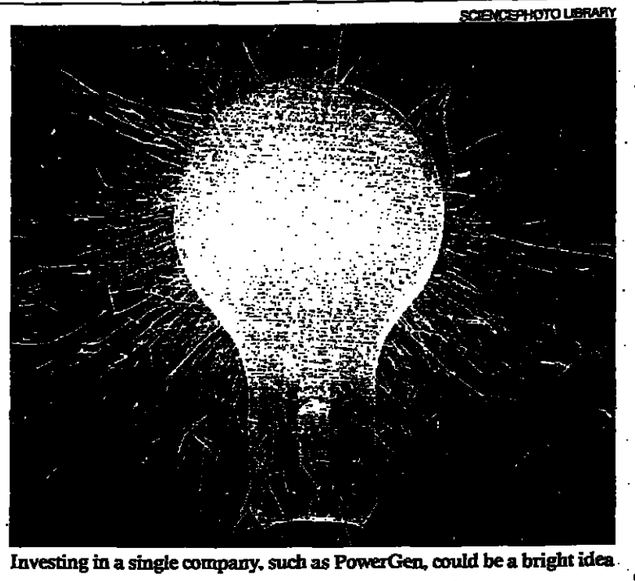
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Investing in a single company, such as PowerGen, could be a bright idea

Beware of last-minute investments

IT IS a good idea to invest in Peps in the autumn, as the trends suggest you are likely to buy at lower levels than waiting until the subsequent March (Christine Michael writes).

But according to Brian Dennehy, of Dennehy, Weller, a financial adviser in Chiselhurst, Kent: "Sadly, few clients follow this advice. Last March, we were concerned to minimise the clear risk in the stock market for those investing in their Peps at the last minute."

Mr Dennehy says that the company did this in two ways. "Firstly, investing in funds like the Fidelity Global Privatisation fund, whose short-term performance would not be seriously affected by a falling UK stock market and, secondly, by investing in UK stock market-linked Peps which had a drip-feeding facility, such as those from Henderson.

The table below shows actual autumn-to-spring performances over the past few years. It can be seen that in five out of seven years, it would have been better to have invested in the autumn.

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30/10/92	2,658	1/4/93	2,878	+8%
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WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO BUY A PEP?

Q Why is the end of the tax year so popular?

A Investments with tax breaks are traditionally marketed as end-of-year tax-planning opportunities. But this does not apply to Peps as tax relief is given on future gains, not current contributions. The end of the tax year used to coincide with the Budget, so there was an element of "buy now in case the rules change" marketing. Pep buying is now becoming less seasonal; over a third of new investment came in the first half of the 1993-94 tax year.

Q Why do Peps cost less at some times of the year?

A Some unit and investment trust companies cut Pep charges to boost business — at the start of the Pep season in February, for instance. While these bargains are worth looking out for, consistent performance is more important as it will outweigh charges in the long term.

Q Can I time my Pep investment to give it a head start in performance?

A There is evidence of regular seasonal ups and downs in the UK stock market. The market tends to rise between October and the new year, falls in February, perks up again in May, languishes through the summer until an August revival, and then tails off until the autumn. David Schwartz, a statistician who publishes the *Stockmarket Handbook*, highlights August, December and January as the best months for investment. Once invested, a Pep plan will be subject to stock market peaks and troughs, and investors should be able to take a long-term view.

Q Does it matter if I get the timing wrong?

A Yes, in the short term, as anyone who took out a Pep before the October 1987 crash, or early last summer, can confirm. The bid-offer spread on a Pep, which includes the initial charge, means that a new plan usually has to grow by at least 5 per cent before it can start showing a gain. If prices generally slump, a new Pep has even more ground to make up to replace the original sum before it can generate any growth. Over the longer term, though — five years at least — the effects of bad timing should be smoothed out.

Q Is there any way I can avoid investing at the wrong time?

A There are no guarantees, says John Spiers, of *BestPEP Adviser*. "If you're investing a lump sum, there's no point in trying to be clever as no one gets it right all the time." Investors reluctant to commit their full £6,000 at once can opt for monthly contributions through an investment or unit trust, which spreads "timing risk" throughout the year.

Q Are there any tax advantages in investing early in the tax year?

A Yes: as dividends and capital gains are tax-free from the time they are placed in a Pep. It follows that an investment placed in a Pep at the start of a tax year has 11 months in which to roll up tax-free income and gains.

Q Do I have to invest at the same time every year?

A No, as long as you keep to the Pep investment limit of £6,000 in any one tax year. You can also invest up to £3,000 in a single-company Pep at any time during the tax year, which need not coincide with your general Pep.

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Call for end to childcare tax

Sara McConnell reports on a campaign to lift parents' tax burden

Campaigners are calling on the Government to correct a four-year-old anomaly and exempt from tax all childcare costs paid for by employers, up to a set limit.

At the moment, working mothers and fathers can get a a tax exemption on the cost of childcare only if their employer provides a subsidised workplace nursery. Childcare vouchers or cash from employers for staff to spend on childcare are taxable as a benefit.

The Campaign for Tax Relief and Childcare (TRAC) is the latest to urge Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to extend tax exemptions for employer-funded childcare. The Confederation of British Industry (CBI) and British Chambers of Commerce have already called for changes to the tax regime. Now TRAC, whose members include the National Council for One Parent Families, the National Childminding Association and the Retail Consortium, argues in its Budget submission that working parents should be allowed to receive up to £28 a week for childcare tax-free from their employer, regardless of how this is paid.

It could be in the form of vouchers, cash or subsidised workplace nurseries. This, the organisation, says "would remove the anomaly of the tax charge to the employee depending on the method of provision chosen by the employer". Any benefits above this level would be taxed.

The organisation calculates that this reform would cost the Treasury just under £4 million if the number of full and part-time places in workplace nurseries stays at 20,000 and the number of employer-funded childcare places remains the same. If the Chancellor made part of the cost of employer-funded childcare tax-free, TRAC estimates a further 20,000 childcare places might be provided. This would cost the Treasury £7 million. But it claims that two separate research studies, by the Institute of Manpower Studies and the National Children's Bureau, show that the costs of the proposed tax breaks would be offset by new tax and National Insurance contributions being paid by people going out to work for the first time.

TRAC claims that tax breaks on workplace nurseries, introduced in 1990, have not significantly boosted the number of people taking advantage of them. Only big employers and those with large numbers of employees working in one place can normally afford to set up and run nurseries. Other measures put in place by the Government over the past three years are also limited, Steven Stanbury, TRAC's campaign director, says. The Employment Department is funneling £45 million via Training and Enterprise Councils (Tecs) to increase the provision of care for school-age children. Employers are being encouraged to contribute, but parents have to pay tax on this.

Those on low incomes receiving family credit and other benefits can now earn an additional £28 a week towards childcare costs before they lose benefits. But anyone not on benefits does not get this.



PETER DAVIES

Cash from Abbey National helps Robin and Joan Taylor to pay for Emily's childcare

EMPLOYERS HELP

■ **Childcare vouchers:** These are growing in popularity and are offered by many companies, including British Gas, National Power, BMW, the National Audit Office and local authorities. The scheme is run by Childcare Vouchers. Parents can use the vouchers to pay a registered childminder, nanny, or a relative. Parents receive vouchers to the value of about £30 a week. Most companies pay this on top of salary, but some operate a system of "salary sacrifice". The vouchers are taxed as a benefit but employees do not have to pay national insurance on them. This may change if the Government goes ahead with plans to levy NI contributions on benefits. British Gas, which gives vouchers to more than 2,300 employees a month, says it is a drawback that they are taxed.

■ **Cash:** This has the advantage that parents can spend the money as they like, not just on childcare. Abbey National is one of those employers that offers cash in preference to vouchers on grounds of flexibility. It pays £85 a month as a flat fee on top of salary to staff needing childcare. Of its 19,000 staff, 14,000 are women and Abbey sees childcare payments as a way of keeping staff. It said: "We don't just do this out of the goodness of our hearts". National insurance and tax have to be paid as cash is not counted as a benefit.

■ **Workplace nurseries:** The cost of a nursery place can be subsidised by the employer and is tax-free to the employee. The term "workplace nurseries" is misleading, as they are not always in the building in which the parents are working. Sometimes, a company will go into partnership with local employers and guarantee to take a certain number of places. Midland Bank now has 830 places in 114 nurseries, of which two are wholly owned by the bank and the rest in partnership with colleges, hospitals and schools. This week, Midland is to open a 100-place nursery in Stourton, near Leeds, the new site for its First Direct telephone banking arm. Adele Kemmitt, Midland's central childcare manager, said: "We are trying to retain skilled staff." Before the scheme was set up, 70 per cent of women did not return to work after having children. Now, 85 per cent of them do. Midland pays 50 per cent of the cost of places.

CASH

WORKING shifts can save on childcare costs, as Joan and Robin Taylor have discovered. Mr Taylor, a fireman, works two days and two nights a week, so can look after their 20-month-old daughter, Emily, while his wife, a customer services manager with Abbey National, is at work.

But they need a childminder for the days when Mr Taylor is working. To compensate for having to fit in with Mr Taylor's shift patterns, they pay her £60 a week, slightly more than the going rate of £60 for a five-day week. (In London, costs can be up to £80 for a five-day week).

Mrs Taylor gets £85 a month from her employer for childcare. Although free to spend this as she wants, the money goes to the minder.

Abbey National decided against workplace nurseries because the company is so scattered and deciding where to put them would be difficult.

NURSERY

SUE Jones is convinced that a workplace nursery is the best answer for Helen, her 14-month-old daughter, and not just because it is a tax-free benefit. She says: "It is important that it is subsidised — it is definitely a plus. But my main priority is to find a caring environment. The nursery provides good stimulus with a wide variety of activities, and Helen certainly enjoys it."

The nursery is a mile away from Mrs Jones's office in Sheffield and is open from 8am to 6pm. Midland Bank, where Mrs Jones is a senior purchasing officer, subsidises the cost of the nursery.

VOUCHERS

CHILDCARE vouchers from British Gas, where Zoe Harris is a personnel officer, go towards the cost of Katherine, 3, and Rebecca, 9, being cared for by a registered childminder.

The average cost of a childminder in Bexley, south London, where the Harrises live, is £65 a week for children aged five and under, who have to be looked after all day. The cost for school-age children is £20 to £30. British Gas vouchers can only be put towards the cost of childcare for those under five, so about half of Katherine's care is paid for.

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Hi-tech cover at home and away

Anne Caborn offers guidance on insuring portable office equipment


JULIAN HERBERT

Derek Young went to several insurers before he found one who was willing to cover a portable lap-top computer

People who work from home can face a tough job finding affordable insurance cover for business equipment. But the relentless *march of technology has* brought with it new problems.

Portable computers, lap-tops, palm-tops, and notebooks are increasingly popular, but present insurers with increased *risks, particularly when it* comes to theft or damage.

A self-employed business person looking for cover may find insurers refusing, or stipulating the cover extends only *in the home — which some*what defeats the object. But there are insurance options. On Monday, Tolson Messenger, the insurance broker, releases details of its Mobile-Office Insurance.

The company began piloting the facility — underwritten by Commercial Union and specifically aimed at people who spend most of their time on the move — in January. It already offers Home-Office Insurance. Premiums start from £120 and include up to £1,500 in cover for portable items, such as computers and phones taken out of the home.

Ian Jones, associate director, said: " We see two distinct markets. There is the person who works 60-70 per cent of the time at home, and then there are the people who operate from home, but travel most of the time with lap-tops and mobile phones."

Mobile-Office premiums start at £97.50 a year for cover up to £1,500, through to £140 for a maximum of £3,000 in cover. Higher sums insured may be negotiated. Cover is offered on a worldwide all-risks basis. Exclusions include any loss from an unattended vehicle. There is also an excess equal to 10 per cent of any loss, with a £100 minimum. The insurance includes public liability up to £1 million and business interruption cover, such as re-inputting lost data.

Apple Computer UK has a special UK insurance deal to cover Apple PowerBook computers put together with Tredray & Co, and underwritten by Cigna Insurance of Europe. Tredray has also launched Office At Home cover for up to £5,000, including an optional extension of UK all-risks cover for portable computers up to a £2,500 limit. *Premiums start at £120 per* year, or £170 with portable all-risks.

The Apple PowerBook Insurance offers worldwide cover in price bands ranging from *£85 a year for up to £1,500 in* cover, to £141 for cover up to £3,500. There are exclusions, including theft "not involving violent or forcible entry or exit or threat of violence". Loss from an unattended motor vehicle is excluded unless the item is in a locked boot.

Another option is Home Office Insurance offered by Michael Pavey, the insurance broker, and underwritten by Northern Star. This includes cover for electronic equipment temporarily removed from the office up to 20 per cent of the sum insured. It does not cover photographic or surveying equipment.

Extra premiums are likely to be put on portable phones. Basic premiums start from £102.50 for £5,000 in cover. There is a £100 excess that reduces to £25 for property while away from the *premises. Losses from vehicles* are covered if the item is locked in the boot, or glovebox, or out of sight.

Burnett & Associates offer Computer Insurance with all-risks cover underwritten through Lloyd's. Premiums start from £250. ITT London & Edinburgh has offered a Home-Work policy option for about five years. The additional premium for all-risks cover on a mobile phone is £7.50 per £100 sum insured. On portable computers, it ranges between £2.10 and £5 per £100 sum insured, depending on area. Loss from a car is covered if the items are locked in the boot.

CIS will extend domestic contents cover to some business equipment at home, such as fax machines and computers if they are used for domestic purposes as well. The maximum cover is normally £5,000. *But it will also consider all*risks cover for portable computers for people who already have its home contents cover. Some other insurers will consider limited cover for people working from home under existing domestic home contents insurance, as long as they do not have a lot of customer visits or stock. But many draw the line at portable equipment.

SEARCH FOR INSURER

DEREK Young, 27, is a systems analyst who works in the City of London and is in the process of setting up his own company. Panaplay will eventually offer a worldwide database of sports facilities and the courses they provide. The company launches in February.

He does a fair amount of travelling and relies on his lap-top, worth about £2,000, and his mobile phone. "I went to the computer company, but they wouldn't give me international cover. I also went to some insurers, who had been perfectly willing to insure the big machine I have at home, and two printers, but they weren't willing to consider the lap-top."

In April, Mr Young took out the Tolson Messenger Mobile Office insurance, then a pilot scheme. "I go on regular trips to Ireland and to sports centres to look at their facilities. Once I'm out of the car, I'm insured anywhere in the world. The premium comes to about £140 a year, which is fine. Some of the premiums I was asked for were ridiculous. I was surprised at how difficult it was to get insurance. I wasn't particularly impressed either. We're always being told to shop around for the best quote, but with portable computers that's very difficult."

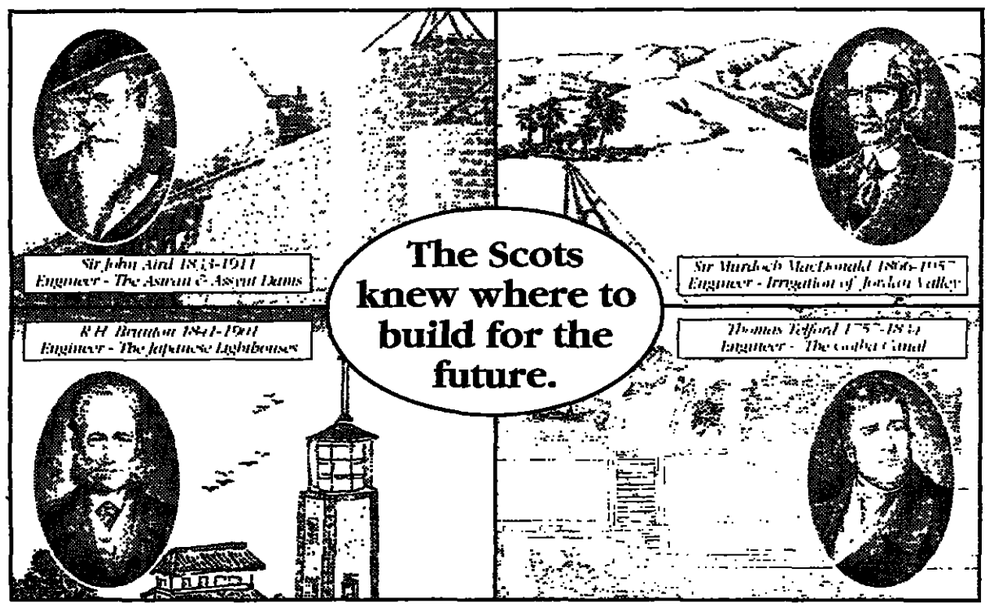
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- Always check the policy limits and exclusions and whether it is UK or world-wide cover — important if you travel abroad.
- If a shop offers to sell you insurance, check the details — it may actually be a maintenance contract. You may consider both.
- With some systems, a portable containing the hard drive can be removed from the desk-top system. Make sure your insurer understands the essential part is portable.
- Don't forget the other risks you may run as a self-employed business person, such as third party liability and business interruption.
- With a domestic contents policy, check exactly what is being offered — will it cover business equipment, or is the insurer saying that a home office will not jeopardise your existing contents policy?
- Portable equipment used by an employee should normally be covered by the employer.
- Your computer manufacturer may give the names of possible insurers, but do not regard these as recommendations.

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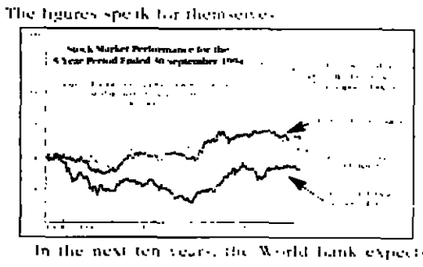
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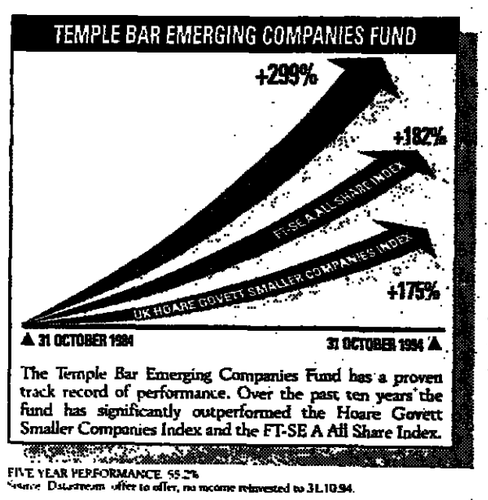
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Nicola Cole begins a series on the cost of country sports with a look at the price of getting started in hunting

Foxes for a fiver

Autumn is the start of the hunting season and on cold mornings, while many lay abed, a sizeable number of people are well on their way to a meet.

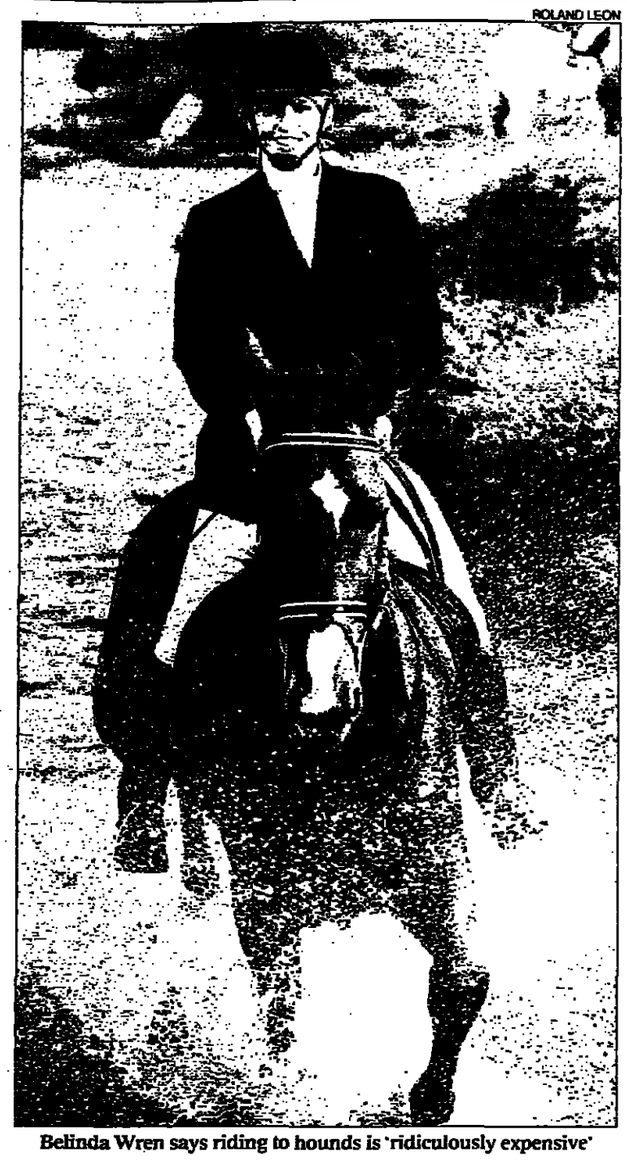
More hound packs and followers exist today than in 1900. There are 83 beagle packs, 26 harrier packs, 22 mink-hound packs, 11 basset hound packs (hares) and four packs of deer hounds. But the future of hunting is likely to depend as much on affordability as any proposed ban. Parliament's last abolition attempt, in February 1992, fell by 12 votes.

The British Horse Society puts the cost of owning and hunting a horse at between £3,000-£4,000, more than double the cost of running a car.

As part of its Campaign for Hunting initiative, the British Field Sports Society is offering those new to the sport a day's hunting for £5. The offer is available this month in Hampshire, Kent, Surrey and Sussex and, during December, in Hertfordshire and East Anglia. Over the past year, 900 people from riding clubs and schools have taken advantage of it.

Subscription fees are just the start of what is an undeniably expensive pastime. You also have to provide a mount, tack, transport, if the meet is beyond hacking distance, and appropriate clothing. It is possible to hire all of these, including the horse. But most owners of Britain's estimated 550,000 equine population sensibly stick to the old adage "never lend your horse, your car or your woman". The overall expense of hiring is likely to run into several hundred pounds for a day's sport, so the newcomers scheme is really only practicable for existing horse-owners.

ROLAND LEON



Belinda Wren says riding to hounds is 'ridiculously expensive'

No easy ride on the pocket

Belinda Wren, a foxhunting enthusiast, says that she would love to be out with the hounds every week. But, as a busy mother of three young children, including a six-month-old, she has to restrict herself to a few days each season. She and her husband have two hunters Co-pilot (Copper) and Simply Red, and two ponies, Tishtosh and Black Beauty, for Annabel, 5, and Charles, 6.

"It's all about getting dressed up and huge fences," she says. "It's a privilege to be able to ride across wonderful countryside that no one else is allowed to see." It is also "ridiculously expensive". The Grafton, with which Mrs Wren hunts, charges £900, plus £190 field money for one day a week in the season. Two days a week cost £1,220 plus £260, and three days cost £1,485, plus £325. Family membership is £2,335. "I'm paying half-subscription of around £500 for eight days. Last year, I went for the odd day, which cost £60 a time."

> It's all about getting dressed up and huge fences

In spite of the high incidence of hunting accidents, many do not wear body protectors. "That's because it's all about pageantry. But, most people wear proper headgear — normally skull caps with the British Kitemark." Jackets are normally black, except for people who have permission to wear red. "A lot of women are now wearing navy blue."

Also *de rigueur* are stocks, buff jodhpurs or breeches, knee boots — and thermal underwear. As for the horses, "you either look after them yourself, or get someone else to do it". Hunters at livery probably cost between £80 and £100 a week. For five days a week, Mrs Wren spends three hours each morning and a further hour at night mucking out, feeding, grooming, and exercising her hunters. On the other two days, someone else takes over. The ponies live out all year. Paddocks are another cost. "We either make hay or silage, or pay for the grass to be topped." The latter costs £50 a year. Fertiliser costs £60 a year, and the Wrens spend a further £50 on do-it-yourself fence maintenance.

Yearly flu and tetanus boosters cost £30 a horse. Worming pastes cost about £40. Vets' charges can be astronomical, which is why a good insurance policy is essential. Most have a £50-£100 excess. "If you are well insured, a leg fracture may be treated. If you aren't, you'd probably have to shoot the horse."

Mrs Wren puts premiums at between £250 and £500 a year.

Getting a horse shod costs anything between £30 and £45. Mrs Wren says: "Mine are shoed every five weeks, on average. I probably pay a total of £300 a year for each horse. From April to September, we take off the horses' shoes and let them play in the fields." Hunters normally start working again in August.

"Hard feeding" starts in September. Mrs Wren spends about £10 a week each on hard feed. Hay costs about £210 a year and straw £150, again per animal. Transport means either a big, four-wheel drive vehicle and trailer, or a horsebox. A reliable second-hand *horsebox costs at least £7,000, plus* £350 a year in tax and insurance. Plating — similar to an MOT — costs £250 a year. A reasonable saddle costs about £400. Mrs Wren says, and bridles £40. An outside rug of fair quality is about £75, a stable rug £50, and a sweat rug £25.

LIZ DOLAN

HOW IT ALL MOUNTS UP

Mounts: According to the British Horse Society, a child's pony will cost at least £500, an adult's hack a minimum of £1,500 and an adult's hunter, suitable for three to four day's hunting a week, £2,500-£5,000 or more. The magazine, *Horse and Hound* is a traditional source of information. Always ask the advice of a vet or experienced owner before buying.

Insurance: Premiums for risks including horse death, rider injury, public liability, theft and straying can be anything up to £500 a year, depending on the value of the horse and level of cover. Tack worth more than £1 million was reported stolen in 1992, and accidents involving horses average eight a day. Specialist insurers include Equine & Livestock 0423 330711; Aegon Insurance 021-454 6622; Pet Plan Equestrian 081-995 1414; British Equine Insurance Brokers 0732 771719; and Bankers Equine Direct 071-623 2623. The latter charges no extra for premiums paid monthly and is about to launch the first dedicated policy jointly with *Hunting Magazine*. British Field Sports Society membership, £28-£31 annually, includes £2 for cover for third-party damages.

Tack: A hunting saddle might cost £200-£1,000, and bridle £100. Veterinary fees are likely to be £350-£400 a year and shoeing at least £35 per horse every few weeks.

Annual hunt subscriptions: These range from £200 in hilly areas, such as Cumbria and Northumberland, to up to £1,500 for several days a week in prime hunting country in Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire. The average subscription is between £400 and £600. Some hunts offer six days season for as little as £120. Top packs in Leicestershire might charge £90 a day. The 38,500 members of the Pony Club pay £3 to £4 a day.

Clothing: Uppingham Agency, which has outlets nationwide, supplies quality used kit. A man's black hunting coat costs between £125 and £225, while a woman's will be between £100 and £200; bespoke boots £150-£300 for a man, £125-£200 for a woman; non-bespoke boots £80-£100; britches £30-£50; shirts, £15-£25; stock, £3-£5. A child's hacking jacket, jodhpurs and boots work out together at £43-£62.

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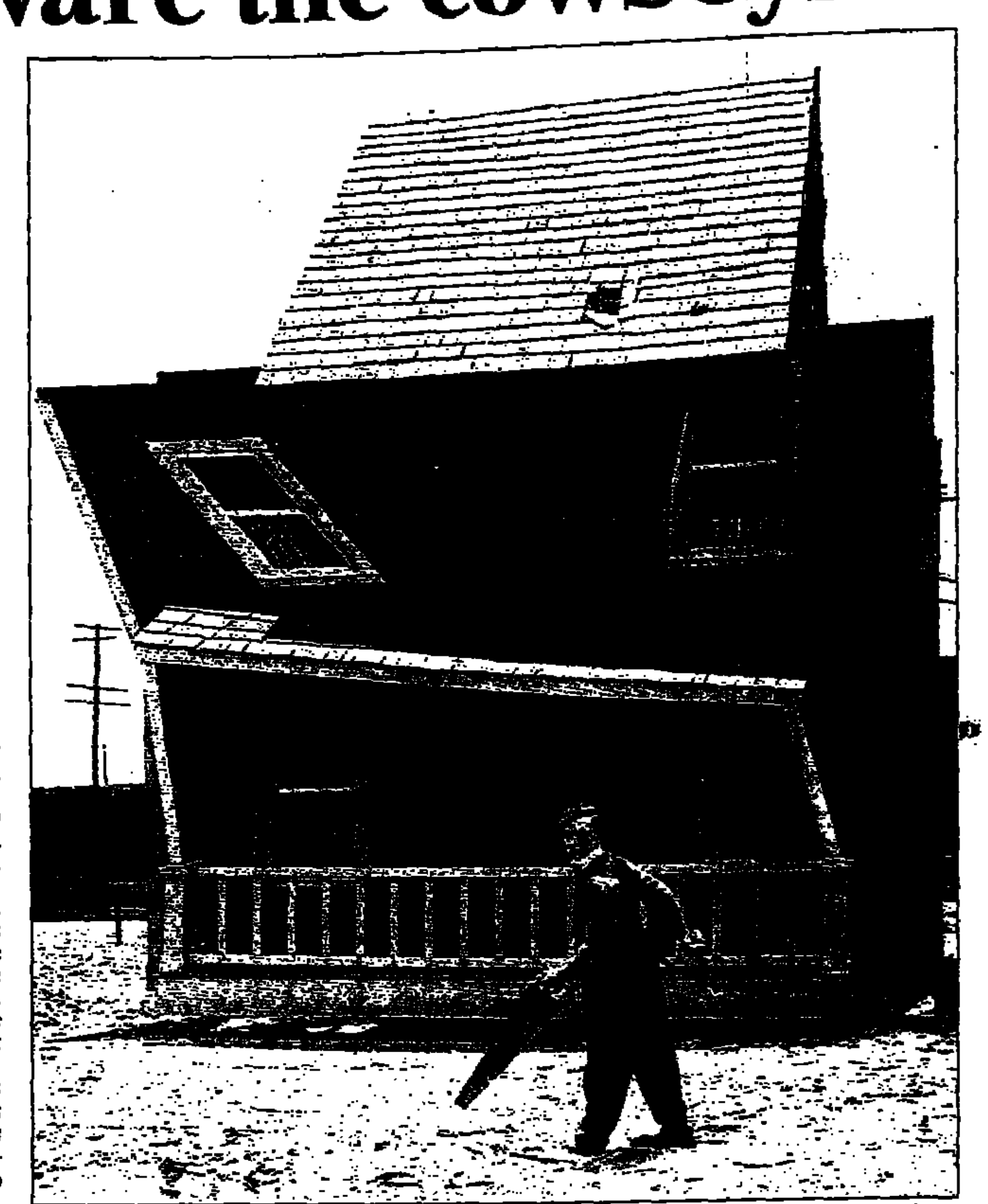
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JOHN GOVETT

Beware the cowboys

Liz Dolan looks at how to tackle household emergencies without grief



Using some emergency workmen can leave you with a distinctly different outlook on life

At 9.30 on Christmas morning, a pipe in the attic bursts. You have ten house guests, including a child of three months and a brace of great aunts. You reach for a stiff gin and *Yellow Pages*, and stick a pin in a list of emergency plumbers.

According to a recent survey, your chances of getting one to speed over and clear up the mess are slim. If you succeed, you still risk paying through the nose for the biggest cowboy in the business.

Researchers employed by Home Emergency Services a sister company to National Breakdown, contacted 40 emergency plumbers on a Sunday afternoon to ask for a lavatory to be unblocked.

Four in five failed to respond to the call. Most of the others suggested calling back the next day. None was available for at least four hours. Answerphone messages were ignored until the next day at the earliest.

Home Emergency Services is one of several organisations offering breakdown services for householders. These operate in a similar fashion to motor breakdown services, providing fast, professional help in an emergency.

Home Emergency Services (0800 800 688) charges £71.40 for a 24-hour, 365-day-a-year service to householders in need of plumbers, central heating engineers, electricians, gas fitters, glaziers, locksmiths, roofers and drains specialists. Unlimited call-outs and two hours' free labour, plus £50-worth of materials, per incident.

Europ Assistance offers a similar service to several insurance companies. It has also linked up with Wickes DIY chain to provide Wickes Homecare Emergency Service (01444 442 046). This costs £49.95 a year for two hours' free labour and £50 of materials per incident, but is subject to a £600 annual limit.

Touchline Home Insurance Service (0800 207 800), a new houshold insurer, offers policyholders an approved list of tradesmen from which to choose. Free call-out and labour up to the first £70, plus £100 free materials, per incident. There is no charge during the first year. Prices thereafter are still under discussion.

Norwich Union (0742 742870) offers a home emergency service to Highline household insurance customers. These must have at least £50,000 contents, and £100,000 buildings, cover. Free call-out and two hours' labour, plus £50 materials, per incident.

Mortgage phone-link

BANK of Scotland has followed up the launch last month of Banking Direct, its 24-hour freephone banking service, with a sister service, Mortgages Direct (*Liz Dolan writes*).

The new company offers provisional approval over the phone, although prospective borrowers will have to wait up to three weeks for the funds.

Mortgages Direct's variable rate for borrowers of up to 85 per cent of the property's value is just 6.99 per cent. The rate on higher percentage loans, which are available up to 100 per cent of value, is 7.99 per cent.

Solicitors' fees may be added to all loans. Valuation fees are refundable on loans up to 85 per cent, and may be added to loans above that amount. Mortgages Direct: 0800 810 810.

■ Kleinwort Benson Private Bank has launched an index-linked mortgage for those who believe that inflation will remain low. The initial variable rate is 7.2 per cent. The maximum loan to value is 80 per cent and the minimum loan £100,000. Joint income must be at least £50,000 a year. Kleinwort's Mortgage Management Account also provides a chequebook for future drawings.

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Property	493.30	522.00	+0.50	
Fixed Interest	304.60	322.40	-0.30	
Money	250.30	264.90	+0.20	
International	377.00	399.00	+3.30	
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	276.30	290.90	...	...
-do- Acc	522.10	549.60		
Equity Fd Inc	163.20	171.80	+3.20	0.0
-do- Acc	217.70	229.20	+4.30	0.0
Selective Fd	480.30	505.60	+4.90	0.0
Money Fd	376.20	396.00	+0.30	
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Conv Ser 4	327.40	344.70	+0.10	
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Income Fund	746.57	785.97	+9.49	
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Worldwide Gth	486.20	511.70	+4.11	
Balanced Fund	646.47	680.50	+9.96	
Smllr Cos Recov	661.30	696.11	+2.75	
N Amer & Genl	336.15	353.85	+5.16	
Pacific Basin	433.82	456.66	+2.10	
German Growth	225.96	237.84	+0.44	
Japan Growth	184.97	194.92		
The UK Gth Fd	204.62	215.39	+3.89	
Cntnl Euro Gth	127.19	133.94	+1.84	
Property Fund	404.77	426.08	+0.35	
Fixed Interest	291.50	306.85	+2.46	
Cash Fund	282.11	296.96	+0.19	
Managed Inv	476.20	501.27	+5.89	
Nth Amer Recov	226.53	238.46	+5.75	
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Gth	496.20	522.32	-0.57	
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With Profit Perf	171.20	181.10	-0.20	
UK Opportunity	171.50	181.40	+3.60	
Euro Opportunity	216.80	228.40	+1.30	
North Amer Opp	157.00	166.10	+3.10	
Far East Opp	192.40	203.90	+0.50	
Gwth Prop Ser 1	133.60	140.60		
Gth Prop Ser 2	187.00	197.80	-0.10	
Fixed Int	180.30	190.70	+2.20	
Cash	156.30	165.30	+0.30	
Overseas	182.30	192.70	+1.70	
Formerly LAS				
Managed Fund	323.80	340.90	+2.10	
UK Equity	541.50	570.00	+8.50	
Property	297.30	313.00	-0.10	
Money Market	251.30	264.60	+0.20	
Fixed Interest	297.30	313.00	+0.10	
Japan	393.10	413.80	-0.60	
North America	143.40	151.00	+2.40	
International	291.80	307.20	+2.60	
European	276.90	291.50	+1.50	
Far East	136.90	144.20	+0.70	
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	£271.20	...	...	
Managed	317.00	333.70	+4.00	
Property	239.10	251.70	+0.10	
Gilt & Fxd Int	231.80	244.00	+2.10	
Equity	351.30	369.80	+5.50	
Cash	216.30	227.70	+0.20	
CLife Euro Mgd	363.70	382.90	+6.90	
CLife Intl Fd	346.20	364.50	+5.50	
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	179.30	198.70		
Managed Fund	582.60	613.30	-10.50	
Equity Fund	335.20	352.90	+8.00	
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	280.20	295.00	+3.20	
Ruby	172.50	181.60	+1.60	
Emerald	140.30	147.70	+0.60	
Equity	316.00	332.70	+4.90	
Property	233.60	245.90	-0.40	
Gilt & Fixed Int	193.00	203.20	+1.40	
Indexed Secs	161.90	170.50	+1.10	
Cash	186.30	196.20	+0.10	
Nth American	214.20	225.50	+3.60	
Far East	326.50	343.70	+4.70	
International	237.10	249.60	+2.30	
Special Sits	321.90	338.90	+1.60	
Intl Income	281.10	295.90	+2.20	
American Inc	182.60	192.30	+2.50	
European	307.00	323.20	+1.20	
Japanese	148.10	155.90	+0.60	
SE Asia	363.90	383.10	+5.60	
With Profits Reg	163.60	172.30	-0.30	
-do- Spec	163.60	172.30	+0.30	
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	312.80	329.30	+4.70	
Equity	368.00	387.40	+5.10	
Property	214.70	226.10	+0.30	
Gilt & Fixed Int	241.00	253.70	+2.10	
Index Linked	171.90	181.00	+1.20	
Cash	249.10	262.30	+0.30	
Nth American	254.60	268.10	+4.70	
Far East Acc	327.30	344.60	+5.10	
International Acc	300.20	316.10	+3.50	
Special Sits	462.10	486.50	+3.60	
European Flex	423.00	445.30	+0.50	
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 0634 890 000				
(Units) Ker	£211.63	...		
-do- Pacemaker	£303.49			
-do- Cash	202.73	213.40	+0.09	
-do- Equity	522.44	549.94	+12.19	
-do- Fxd Int	340.08	357.98	+3.19	
-do- Managed	373.04	392.67	+6.95	
-do- Property	307.13	323.29	-0.52	
(Pens) Cash Cap	207.55	218.60	-0.02	
-do- Cash Inv	303.36	319.34	+0.25	
-do- Equity Cap	£13.68	£14.40	+25.37	
-do- Equity Inv	£19.97	£21.02	+38.42	
-do- Fixed Cap	371.49	391.06	+5.04	
-do- Fixed Inv	542.19	570.74	+7.73	
-do- Index Cap	194.18	204.41	+1.55	
-do- Index Inv	283.41	298.34	+2.47	
Mngd Cap	543.61	572.23	+9.03	
Mngd Inv	793.30	835.16	+13.74	
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	1675.68	..	+13.68	
Var Ann (5)	389.12	..	+1.36	
Prime Managed	392.70	413.40	+4.90	
Prime UK Equity	469.70	494.50	+6.90	
Prime Int Equity	302.80	318.80	+3.40	
Prime Property	254.10	267.50		
Prime Fxd Int	222.50	234.00	+0.90	
Prime Index-Lnk	164.20	172.90	+2.00	
Prime Cash	204.80	215.60	+0.30	
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744840				
Managed Fund	£11.11	£11.69	-19.60	0.0
Equity Fund	£15.99	£16.73	-39.90	
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	583.30	614.00	+6.90	
Life Fxd Int Acc	355.30	374.00	+2.50	
Life Equity Acc	608.60	640.30	+11.20	
Life Money Acc	300.30	316.10	+0.20	
Life Inv Tst Acc	802.00	844.20	+9.50	
Life Intl Acc	499.10	525.30	+6.50	
Life High Inc Acc	778.80	819.70	+9.20	
Life Property Acc	264.60	278.50	-5.90	
Crown Brit Inv A	£12.87			
Brewin Equity	667.20	702.30	+8.70	
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	174.80	184.10	+0.10	
Blue Chip Fund	236.90	249.40	+3.40	
-do- Series 2	154.70	162.90	+2.20	
Adventurous Fd	191.70	201.80	+3.00	
-do- Series 2	146.40	154.20	+2.40	
Performance Fd	241.50	254.30	+3.40	
-do- Series 2	159.40	167.80	+2.30	
UK Pref Fxd Int	136.20	143.40	+1.00	
UK Equity Fund	157.00	166.30	+2.40	
Property Fund	125.00	131.60	+0.10	
Envrnmntl Opps	156.00	164.30	+1.40	
Euro Fund	182.70	192.40	+0.80	
North Amer Fd	181.30	190.90	+2.90	
Oriental Ops	245.50	258.50	+3.70	
Japanese Fund	133.20	140.30	+1.40	
Bu & West Life	123.20	129.70	-0.10	
Bu & West Pen	138.50	145.80	+0.20	
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	252.90	262.10	+2.50	3.49
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixd)	298.90	314.70	+4.00	
UK Equity	393.00	413.70	+7.30	
Stewardship	334.90	352.60	+3.40	
Overseas Equity	279.00	293.70	+2.60	
North American	142.90	150.50	+3.00	
Pacific Basin	166.30	175.10	+1.00	
European	207.50	218.50	+1.90	
Property	205.30	218.30	+1.60	
Fixed Interest	221.10	232.90	+1.50	
Index Linked	161.90	170.50	+1.00	
Cash	199.80	210.40	+0.30	
FP Life Assurance ex NM				
Equity	141.70	149.10	+1.70	
Fixed Interest	515.80	542.90	+4.10	
Managed	683.60	719.50	+7.30	
Deposit	341.30	359.20	+0.40	
Property	477.60	502.90	+0.50	
American	389.40	409.80	+4.70	
Australian	520.50	547.80	+1.50	
European	514.50	541.50	+3.20	
Income Acc	739.10	778.00	+10.50	
-do- Dist	440.10	463.20	+8.30	3.93
International	310.70	327.00	+2.40	
Japan Smaller	555.50	584.70	+0.90	
Singapore & Mal	405.30	426.60	+1.40	
Smaller Cos	413.30	434.90	+0.80	
Tokyo Fund	708.80	746.10	+2.60	
UK Equity	567.10	596.90	+9.30	
CCM Vanad Mg	730.10	768.50	+9.40	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	364.10	383.30	+4.30	
GT Plan Wwide	503.80	530.40	+0.80	
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	206.00	216.70	+2.40	
Unitised Profit	135.60	142.60	+0.20	
UK Equity	272.00	286.30	+4.30	
Fixed Int	164.50	194.10	+0.90	
Index-Linked	159.00	167.30	+1.30	
Cash Deposit	173.70	182.80	+0.10	
Property	189.90	199.90	+0.20	
International	173.30	182.40	+1.90	
American	152.30	160.30	+2.90	
Japan	258.50	272.00	+2.10	
Japan Smllr Cos	264.70	278.50	+2.10	
European	175.40	184.50	+1.90	
Pacific Fund	304.10	320.00	+0.70	
Conv Life	122.50	128.60	+0.40	
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	672.00	672.00	+7.80	
-do- Inv A	671.90	707.40	+4.20	
UK Equity	393.90	414.70	+5.90	
Gilt Plus	193.70	204.00	+1.50	
Managed	297.50	313.20	+3.70	
Inter Man	266.20	280.10	+3.20	
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3. 071 283 7101				
A-s Prop Bds	917.40	951.40	-21.00	
Managed Initial	454.30	478.70	+2.30	
-do- Acc	647.30	681.40	+3.70	
Equity Initial	661.70	696.60	+4.20	
-do- Acc	941.50	991.40	+6.40	
Fixed Int Initial	424.20	446.50	+1.70	
-do- Acc	603.70	635.50	+2.70	
Intl Initial	459.20	483.20	+2.60	
-do- Acc	649.30	683.50	+4.10	
Nth Amer Initial	166.70	175.50	+1.60	
-do- Acc	215.90	227.30	+2.20	
Pacific Initial	254.00	267.30	+1.20	
-do- Acc	325.90	343.00	+1.70	
Property Initial	183.10	192.70	+4.50	
-do- Acc	260.50	274.20	+7.00	
Index-Lnkd Initl	153.10	161.10	+1.15	
-do- Acc	199.30	209.70	+1.60	
Deposit Initial	196.80	207.20	+0.10	
-do- Acc	280.10	294.90	+0.30	
Euro Initial	102.20	107.60	+0.40	
-do- Acc	122.40	128.80	+0.40	
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200499				
Managed	164.10	172.70	+2.30	
-do- Pens	200.10	210.60	+3.10	
UK Equity	166.70	174.40	+3.30	
-do- Pens	189.00	199.00	+4.70	
International	143.80	151.30	+1.01	
-do- Pens	156.30	164.50	+1.00	
Deposit	139.50	146.80	+0.10	
-do- Pens	164.90	173.50	+0.20	
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	348.90	371.20	+4.70	
North America	329.70	350.50	+6.00	
Far East Fund	681.60	725.20	-10.50	
Global Managed	466.90	496.80	+7.00	
Deposit Fund	228.60	240.70	+0.20	
Prime Residential	136.00	143.20	+0.30	
European Fund	253.40	269.60	+1.00	
Fixed Interest	60.80	64.70	+0.20	
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	496.50	525.40	+6.80	
British Fund	506.40	535.90	+7.30	
International	528.40	559.20	+6.50	
Dollar Fund	357.30	378.10	+6.40	
Capital Fund	461.70	488.60	+6.60	
Income Fund	660.30	698.80	+10.80	
Property Series A	463.50	490.50	+0.80	4.80
Property Units	762.30	800.50	+0.40	
Financial Fund	553.00	585.20	+9.90	
Managed Ser A	522.90	553.40	+6.90	
Managed Units	935.40	984.70	+12.20	
High Yield Fund	624.10	660.50	+10.20	
Money Series A	287.50	304.20	+0.10	
Money Units	380.70	400.50	+0.20	
Equity Fund	593.30	627.90	+8.30	
Fixed Interest	348.50	368.60	+6.00	
Indexed Secs	179.20	189.70	+1.40	
European Fund	700.20	741.00	+9.40	
Natural Res	307.10	325.00	+2.50	
Far East Fund	675.50	714.90	+5.20	
Smaller Cos	469.70	497.10	+4.40	
Special Sits	427.70	452.60	+7.40	
Man Currency	259.70	274.90	+1.40	
Japanese Tech	300.50	319.00	-2.00	
US Smaller Cos	221.60	234.50	+6.50	
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 48181				
Global Managed	550.40	579.40	+9.90	
Global Property	289.10	304.30	+0.20	
Global Fixed Int	489.10	514.80	+3.80	
Global Equity	588.50	619.50	+12.60	
Global Cash	212.90	224.00	+0.30	
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	467.10	491.60	+3.90	
Property	495.60	511.10	+1.80	
Managed	405.70	427.00	+5.70	
American	380.30	400.70	+9.30	
UK Equity Fd	433.70	456.50	+6.30	
Japan	219.90	231.40	+2.80	
Index-Lkd	177.20	186.50	+1.20	
High Yield	831.60	875.30	+15.50	
Growth Cap	412.80	434.50	+3.40	
Money	401.90	423.00	+0.30	
International	392.40	413.00	+6.00	
Henderson Active	215.80	227.10	+2.50	
Perpetual Active	320.10	336.90	+3.40	
Growth Cap	412.80	434.50	+3.40	
-do- Acc	634.30	667.60	+8.40	
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Ini	135.10	142.30		
-do- Acc	156.00	164.20	+0.10	
Brit Opps Ini	138.50	145.90	+1.50	
-do- Acc	176.50	186.00	+2.40	
Cash Initial	166.90	175.70	+0.60	
-do- Acc	286.70	301.90		
Equity Initial	634.90	666.40	+11.00	
-do- Acc	£10.90	£11.47	+21.60	
Fixed Initial	327.50	344.50	+1.00	
-do- Acc	562.40	592.00	+3.10	
Index-Lnkd Gilt	129.00	135.80	+0.30	
-do- Acc	189.90	199.90	+0.90	
Intl Initial	343.10	361.20	+4.50	
-do- Acc	580.10	610.70	+9.30	
Managed Initial	470.60	495.60	+6.20	
-do- Acc	808.50	851.10	+12.90	
Property Initial	216.30	227.70	+0.70	
-do- Acc	371.40	391.00	+1.10	
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£125.92		+1.94	
Property Units	£27.20		+0.11	
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£63.23	£66.55	-0.84	
2nd Equity Acc	622.70	655.50	+11.10	
2nd High Inc Ac	598.70	630.20	+9.40	
2nd Property Acc	245.80	261.90	+1.10	
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	175.70	186.00	+1.80	
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	459.50	483.70	+5.60	
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	228.10	240.00	+2.50	
2nd Deposit Acc	279.40	294.50	+0.30	
2nd Gilt Acc	290.40	305.70	+2.30	
2nd Amer Acc	639.30	672.90	+12.90	
2nd Intl Mny Acc	257.60	271.20	+1.90	
2nd Index Acc	200.70	211.30	+0.50	
2nd Far East Acc	465.10	497.10	+3.90	
2nd Global Acc	172.60	182.70	+2.00	
2nd Euro Acc	162.20	170.70	+0.30	
2nd Japan Acc	204.80	215.30	+2.10	
2nd Intl Cr Bd Acc	160.00	168.50	+0.50	
2nd Cap Gth Acc	126.60	133.30	+1.40	
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	1898.10		+2.30	
Fixed Interest	1401.70		+2.30	
Property	1406.50		+2.60	
Deposit	1291.40		+0.20	
Mixed	1585.30		+2.80	
Indexed Stock	1305.40		+1.90	
International	1286.90		+2.90	
Equity A	1206.20		+0.50	
Fixed Int A	1176.20	...	+1.00	
Property A	1128.70		+1.20	
Deposit A	1171.30		+0.10	
Mixed A	1192.40	...	+0.90	
Index Stock A	1160.90		+1.50	
International A	1179.20		+1.50	
Equity F	1731.30		+1.80	
Fixed Int F	1527.90		+3.20	
Property F	1330.20		+1.20	
Deposit F	1342.80	...	+0.50	
Mixed F	1537.90		+2.70	
Index Stock F	1235.10		+2.00	
International F	1333.70	...	+4.20	
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282456				
Inv Trust Cap	1594.60	...	+7.20	
-do- Acc	1991.80	...	+12.70	
Property Cap	1152.60	...	+0.30	
-do- Acc	1245.00	...	+0.70	
Fxd Interest Cap	1186.90	...	+1.20	
-do- Acc	1301.60	...	+2.20	
Equity Cap	1311.80	...	+6.10	
-do- Acc	1509.80	...	+10.40	
Internatl Cap	1231.20	...	+2.00	
-do- Acc	1374.40	...	+3.50	
Gtd Deposit Cap	1165.70	...	...	
-do- Acc	1264.10	...	+0.20	
Flexible Cap	1337.70	...	+4.80	
-do- Acc	1550.80	...	+8.30	
Moneymaker Fd	1425.30	...	+6.50	
Capital Growth	1216.53	..	+31.30	
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	390.60	410.20	+1.20	
Amer Rec Bond	457.00	480.00	+6.50	
Am Smlr Cos Bd	231.30	243.00	-7.50	
Australasia Bd	233.20	245.00	+1.00	
Commodity Bond	331.50	348.20	-1.00	
Deposit Bond Acc	360.40	378.50	+0.20	
Equity Bond Acc	£14.82	£15.56	+7.60	
European Bd Acc	368.40	386.90	+0.20	
Extra Yld Bd Acc	719.90	756.00	+4.80	
Far East Bd Acc	321.30	337.40	+1.90	
Gilt Bond Acc	418.00	439.10	+1.20	
Gold Bond Acc	175.40	184.30	-2.90	
High Yield Bond	330.80	347.40	+1.80	
Index-Lnk Gi Bd	200.30	210.30	+1.20	
International Bd	768.50	807.00	+5.30	
Japan Bond Acc	288.10	302.60	-0.50	
Japan Sm Cos Ac	281.10	295.30	-1.60	
Managed Bonds	862.30	905.50	+2.20	
Prop Bond Acc	327.70	344.20	+0.70	
Rec Bond Acc	739.10	776.10	+5.30	
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	219.50	231.10	+3.20	
UK Equity Acc	308.70	325.00	+4.60	
Special Sits	89.90	94.60	+0.60	
Special Sits Acc	126.40	133.10	+0.80	
North American	168.70	177.60	+2.40	
N American Acc	237.40	249.90	+3.50	
Pacific Basin	372.70	392.40	+3.20	
Pacific Basin Acc	524.20	551.80	-4.70	
Fixed Interest	268.90	283.10	+1.80	
Fixed Interest Acc	378.60	398.60	+2.80	
Property	176.80	186.20	+0.30	
Property Acc	249.00	262.20	+0.50	
Deposit	152.00	160.00	...	
Deposit Acc	214.40	225.70	+0.10	
Managed	253.10	266.50	+2.90	
Managed Acc	328.20	345.50	+4.00	
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	694.60	731.20	+8.50	
Property Fund	544.50	573.20		
Equity Fund	882.10	928.50	+15.90	
Gilt Edged Fd	586.90	617.70	+4.70	
Deposit Fund	329.90	347.30	+0.20	
Investment Fd	374.00	392.70	+6.10	
International	535.90	564.10	+5.30	
MERCHANT INVESTORS St Bartholomews House, Lewins Mead, Bristol BS1 2NH 0272 266 366				
Property	456.30	480.30	+1.00	
UK Equity	340.60	358.50	+5.50	
Gilt Edged	556.00	585.30	+4.90	
Interest Fund	384.80	405.00	+0.50	
UK Fund	497.20	512.30	+4.50	
Intl Equity	616.30	648.70	+4.50	
Intl Managed	574.10	604.30	+4.20	
North American	206.60	217.40	+2.50	
Far East	484.20	509.60	+2.50	
Intl Currency	256.30	269.70	-0.70	
For NM Life see Friends Provident				
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	473.60	498.50	+8.00	
UK Equity	584.60	615.30	+9.50	
Overseas Equity	477.10	502.20	+6.10	
Americas	388.20	408.60	+7.20	
Far East	570.00	600.00	+4.30	
Property	221.90	233.50	+0.60	
Fixed Interest	367.00	386.30	+2.60	
Indexed Gilt	223.70	235.40	+1.70	
Deposit	215.90	227.20	+0.10	
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	£13.83	£14.56	+14.50	
Eqity Fund	£30.04	£31.62	+34.10	
Property Fd	579.50	610.00	+2.30	
Fixed Int Fd	563.40	593.10	+4.00	
Deposit Fund	347.50	365.80	+0.20	
Intl Fund	238.30	250.80	-2.50	
PEARL ASSURANCE The Pearl Centre, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FY. 0733 470 470				
Inv Prop Dist	158.30	166.60	...	
Prop Acc (Gross)	334.00	351.60	+0.30	
Inv Equity	£11.51	£12.11	+20.80	
Inv Managed	817.40	860.50	+10.40	
Ret Managed	926.10	974.90	+13.70	
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	281.10	296.60	+5.10	
Fxd Interest Acc	231.40	244.10	+1.80	
International Acc	258.80	273.00	+2.60	
Managed Acc	220.50	232.70	+2.10	
Property Acc	231.00	243.70	+0.10	
Money Acc	153.60	162.10	+0.20	
Spec Mkt Acc	233.40	246.30	-1.20	
Japan Equity Acc	128.90	136.00	+2.10	
N Amer Acc	154.00	162.50	+3.60	
Pacific Acc	171.10	180.50	+3.70	
European Acc	188.30	198.70	-0.10	
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 739080				
Managed Ord	464.20	488.60	+5.00	
Managed Initial	313.90	330.40	+3.10	
Equity Ord	691.30	727.70	+9.50	
Equity Init	467.50	492.10	+6.10	
I-Linked Gilt Ord	194.00	204.20	+1.70	
I-Linked Gilt Init	137.02	144.20	+1.10	
Oseas Equity Ord	378.30	398.20	+4.10	
Oseas Equity Init	255.80	269.30	+2.70	
Property Ord	281.20	296.00	-1.70	
Property Init	190.10	200.10	-1.40	
Fixed Int Ord	267.40	281.50	+1.90	
Fixed Int Init	180.80	190.30	+1.10	
Deposit Ord	205.90	216.70	+0.10	
Deposit Initial	139.20	146.50	...	
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	327.30	341.00	+7.30	
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3228				
Managed Fund	774.50	815.30	+12.10	
Equity Fund	£14.33	£15.09	+28.80	
Intl Fund	612.80	645.10	+8.10	
Fixed Interest	540.90	569.40	+3.00	
Property Fund	475.20	500.30	+1.60	
Cash Fund	363.90	383.10	+0.20	
Pacific Basin	373.10	392.80	+4.20	
N American Fd	228.20	240.30	+5.70	
Euro Fund	257.50	271.10	+2.40	
Balanced Fund	151.10	159.10	+2.40	
Strategic Fund	159.00	167.40	+2.70	
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	1719.70	...	...	
-do- Acc	436.50	459.40	...	
Op Prop	486.90	512.60	-16.90	
Op Equity	897.40	944.70	+18.90	
Op High Yield	555.30	584.60	+6.30	
Op Managed	784.00	825.30	+10.90	
Op Deposit	391.70	412.40	+0.40	
Inc Gth	287.40	302.60	+4.40	
Japan Smlr	283.70	298.70	+1.10	
Managed Gth	252.30	265.50	+1.70	
Gilt	75.50	79.50	+0.20	
British	349.20	367.80	+6.30	
Global Bond	104.40	109.90	+0.80	
Global (35.34)	162.40	171.00	+1.80	
Gold Share	98.60	103.80	-2.40	
High Income	298.20	313.90	+9.30	
Income	420.80	443.00	+4.70	
Japan	452.50	476.40	+1.90	
UK Smlr Cos	325.30	342.50	+1.40	
Mngd Growth	436.70	459.70	+5.20	
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	952.60	£10.08	+12.50	
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	378.40	398.30	+4.90	
Equity Fund	527.70	555.40	+8.90	
Property Fund	340.70	358.60	-0.70	
International	472.40	497.20	+4.60	
Pacific Basin	286.80	301.80	+3.00	
United States	239.20	251.70	+4.50	
Gilt Fund	349.10	367.40	+4.40	
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	744.60	788.20	+5.20	2.45
Deposit Fund (2)	369.80	391.40	+0.10	5.72
Gilt Fund	495.90	524.80	+3.40	8.55
Global Equity Fd	235.40	249.20	+1.70	...
Property Fund (46)	106.10	112.30	+0.10	6.63
AG Bond Fund	154.50	163.50	-0.70	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	579.30	609.80	+3.80	
Fixed Interest	355.70	374.50	+0.60	
Index-Linked	189.30	199.20	+0.80	
International	462.70	487.10	+1.80	
Property	295.70	311.30	+0.20	
Cash	229.30	241.40	+0.10	
Managed	465.00	489.50	+2.10	
Cap Gteed Bd	110.40	116.30	+0.30	
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	180.78	190.29	+0.08	
Index-Linked	155.80	164.00	+1.30	
Fixed Interest	166.10	174.80	+0.90	
Mixed	250.30	263.40	+1.30	
UK Equity	234.30	246.60	+1.90	
International	259.80	273.50	+2.10	
American	242.30	255.00	+1.70	
Japan	240.20	252.80	+2.10	
European	255.60	269.00	+2.20	
Pacific	377.60	397.50	+2.80	
Technology	357.30	376.10	+4.00	
Currncy/Currncy	215.90	227.30	-0.10	
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	221.10	235.00	+0.10	
UK Equity	345.80	364.20	+2.40	
American	237.30	249.90	+1.00	
Pacific	364.40	383.70	+2.50	
European	463.20	487.70	+3.30	
International	305.60	321.80	+1.90	
Fixed Interest	227.60	239.70	+1.50	
Index Linked	188.80	198.90	+1.30	
Deposit	193.60	203.90	+0.10	
Managed	281.00	295.90	+1.60	
Worldwide	120.60	127.10	+1.60	
Pen Worldwide	128.10	135.00	+2.10	
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	£16.26	£16.76	...	
Safety Fund	226.10	238.00	-0.20	
Growth Fund	225.30	237.20	+0.60	
Opportunity Fd	221.10	232.80	+0.40	
Cash Fund	174.20	183.40	+0.20	
European Fund	335.40	353.10	+1.50	
Gilts & Fxd Int	191.70	201.80	-0.30	
Index-Linked Fd	175.20	184.50	+0.50	
International Fd	283.70	298.70	+0.70	
North American	226.10	238.10	-0.30	
Property Fund	134.30	141.40	+0.40	
UK Equity	240.30	253.00	-0.10	
UK Smaller	226.90	238.90	+0.40	
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	261.10	274.90	+2.70	
Equity	269.40	283.70	+3.30	
International	282.20	297.10	+1.70	
Property	232.80	245.20	+0.50	
Fixed Interest	207.70	218.80	+2.30	
Index Linked	173.70	183.00	+1.30	
Cash	186.40	196.30	+0.10	
Formerly Prolific				
Bal Gwth Mngd	784.80	834.90	+8.40	
Cash Fund	338.90	357.20	+0.30	
Property Fund	293.30	309.10	+2.10	
Equity Fund	916.40	974.90	+9.90	
Fxd Interest Fund	436.50	460.00	+2.40	
International	413.00	439.40	+2.70	
High Income	684.80	728.60	+8.30	
Far East	627.60	667.70	+7.40	
North American	510.70	543.30	+4.20	
Special Sits	611.40	650.50	+3.40	
Technology	538.40	572.80	+20.80	
Extra Income Fd	369.90	393.60	+5.00	
Gilt Fund	460.60	490.00	+1.90	
European	145.90	155.30	+1.60	
Adventurous Mg	215.70	227.10	+2.80	
Secure Mgd	142.80	152.00	+1.30	
Equity Inc Dist	115.90	122.20	+1.60	4.81
North American	107.50	113.40	+1.20	5.29
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	935.90	936.90	+11.20	
Inv Pol 2	850.60	895.50	+10.60	
Inv Pol 3	813.20	856.10	+9.80	
Inv Cash	313.40	330.00	+0.10	
Mixed Fund	442.10	465.50	+1.30	
Equity Fund	513.60	540.70	+0.60	
Property Fund	247.00	260.10	-0.20	
International Fd	493.40	519.50	+2.50	
Fixed Interest Fd	358.80	377.80	+2.80	
Indexed Stock Fd	190.40	200.50	+1.30	
Cash Fund	227.30	239.40	+0.10	
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	369.30	388.70	+4.10	
Equity Acc	435.00	457.80	+6.50	
International Acc	338.70	356.50	+0.10	
Property	234.00	246.30	+0.10	
Royal Trust Mg	233.80	246.10	+4.00	
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	267.90	282.10	+0.20	
Equity	986.20	£10.38	+13.90	
European	167.70	176.60	+1.10	
Far East	174.80	184.10	+2.10	
Fixed Interest	379.60	399.60	+1.80	
Index Linked	201.70	212.40	+1.50	
International	614.40	646.80	+6.90	
Managed	693.50	730.10	+8.50	
Nth American	138.70	146.10	+2.70	
Property	365.10	384.40	+0.60	
Pensions				
Cash	416.80	438.80	+0.40	
Equity	£14.11	£14.85	+24.10	
European	198.30	208.80	+1.70	
Far East	139.80	147.20	+1.90	
Fixed Interest	521.40	548.90	+2.60	
Index Linked	280.10	294.90	+2.10	
International	858.30	903.70	+11.70	
Managed	968.60	£10.19	+13.00	
Nth American	170.30	179.30	+4.20	
Property	492.40	518.40	-2.70	
Stock Exchange	217.80	229.30	+3.30	
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	640.30	674.50	+7.70	
Equity Fund	838.40	882.60	+13.90	
Fixed Interest Fd	395.10	415.90	+2.40	
Index-Linked Fd	306.30	322.50	+1.90	
Property Fund	523.70	551.30	+0.50	
International Fd	607.70	639.70	+4.50	
N American Fd	225.90	237.80	+6.30	
Far East Fund	237.30	249.80	+1.90	
Deposit Fund	295.80	311.40	+0.20	
International Bd	4183.23	...	+0.19	
Worldwide Bond	144.60	152.30	+1.30	
European	161.00	169.50	+0.80	
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	633.70	667.10	+7.00	
Ebor Phoenix Eq	452.40	481.50	...	
Property Growth				
Property Fund	1603.90	...	+0.70	
-do- Acc	1563.60	...	+0.60	
Agricultural Fd	1822.10	...	+0.50	
-do- Acc	1789.80	...	+0.50	
Abbey Nat Fd	1445.30	...	+0.40	
Abbey Nat Acc	1471.20	...	+0.40	
Investment Fd	1340.60	...	+3.90	
Investment (A)	1327.00	...	+3.70	
Equity	1£12.19	...	+19.30	
Equity Acc	1£11.67	...	+18.50	
Money Fund	1471.40	...	+0.40	
-do- Acc	1450.70	...	+0.30	
Actuarial Fd	1862.10	...	+6.20	
Gilt-Edged Fd	1369.70	...	+2.10	
-do- Acc	1369.70	...	+2.10	
Retire Annuity	1£12.44	...	+8.20	
Imtned Annuity	1318.50	...	-10.50	
Bldg Soc Life	1225.60	...	+0.10	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	£14.24	...	+34.70	
Managed Acc	1802.60	...	-3.00	
Equity Account	£11.33	...	-1.00	
Mngd Fund Acc	369.50	389.00	-1.50	
Equity Fund Acc	495.60	521.70	-0.50	
Prop Fund Acc	265.70	279.70	+0.30	
Fixed Int Fd Acc	291.10	306.40	-1.60	
Money Fund Acc	220.60	232.20	+0.10	
Indx-Lnk Scs Ac	196.70	207.10	-1.10	
Pers Pens Acc	£18.44	...	+30.10	
Pens Mngd Acc	857.50	902.70	+14.80	
Pens Guarantee	349.70	368.00	+0.07	
Pens Equity	327.30	345.60	+8.80	
Pens Property	301.30	317.20	+0.50	
Pens Fixed Int	271.00	285.30	+1.20	
Pens Intl	240.90	253.60	+2.30	
Pens Money	235.10	247.50	...	
Pens Index-Lnkd	188.50	198.40	-0.50	
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	883.90	930.50	+6.40	
Property Acc	338.50	355.30	+3.20	
Equity Acc	£14.24	£14.99	+7.30	
Fixed Int Acc	380.50	400.60	+1.00	
Index-Linked Acc	194.30	204.60	+1.00	
Cash Acc	308.60	324.90	+0.20	
Amer Equity Acc	335.20	352.90	+7.00	
Japan Acc	317.30	334.00	+0.90	
Pacific Acc	377.20	397.10	+4.90	
Far Eastern Acc	872.60	918.60	+7.90	
International Acc	584.60	615.40	+7.40	
Distribution Fund	278.00	292.70	+1.40	5.06
European	189.90	199.90	+1.90	
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	278.00	292.70	+3.20	
Property Fund	230.30	242.50	+0.40	
Fixed Interest Fd	214.60	226.00	+1.10	
Money Fund	199.70	210.30	+0.10	
Equity Fund	365.70	385.10	+2.90	
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 64 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000				
Deposit	248.80	262.00	+0.10	
Financial Ser 1	46.10	49.40	+0.80	
Fixed Interest	314.80	331.50	+1.70	
Gold	86.20	90.90	-0.60	
Managed	600.00	631.70	+5.20	
Mngd Growth	193.70	204.00	+2.00	
Mngd Opp	205.40	216.30	+1.70	
Property	333.60	351.20	...	
Residential Prop	102.70	108.20	-0.40	
TSB American	184.10	193.80	+2.10	
TSB Brit Gwth	820.10	863.40	+14.00	
TSB European	268.60	282.80	+0.20	
TSB Income	376.10	396.00	-1.60	
TSB Intl	419.20	441.40	+1.10	
TSB Intl Inc	267.60	281.80	-0.50	
TSB Pacific	438.90	462.10	-5.80	
TSB Prem Inc	242.10	253.00	+1.00	
WINDSOR LIFE Windsor House, Telford, Shropshire 0952 292929				
Managed Bond	661.50	697.10	+5.90	
Money Fund	317.30	334.00	+0.20	
Equity Fund	594.90	626.90	+23.30	
Fixed Interest	264.10	278.30	+2.90	
Property Fund	365.80	385.10	...	
Gresham Framlington				
American & Gen'l	558.00	588.00	+10.30	
Income	722.90	761.70	+7.90	
International Gth	610.60	643.40	+4.30	
Capital Fund	611.10	643.90	+0.80	
Recovery Fund	645.80	680.50	+1.30	
Japan & General	275.10	289.90	+1.00	
Formerly AEtna				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	18.05	19.00	+0.01	
Bear	18.71	19.69	+0.30	
Owl	19.27	20.28	+0.22	
Bull	17.19	18.09	+0.18	
Stag	18.24	19.20	+0.17	
Gilt Edged	17.67	18.60	+0.09	
Deposit	15.81	16.64	...	
Pensions				
Squirrel	24.47	25.76	+0.02	
Bear	25.67	27.02	+0.44	
Owl	26.36	27.72	+1.17	
Bull	21.94	23.09	+0.23	
Stag	22.77	23.97	+0.21	
Gilt Edged	22.16	23.33	+0.13	
Deposit	20.40	21.47	+0.02	
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	555.08	...	+5.66	
1982 Series				
UK Equity	330.65	348.05	+13.31	
N Amer Equity	263.98	277.87	+5.68	
Far East Equity	390.93	411.51	+0.88	
Fixed	278.69	292.73	+1.56	
Cash Deposit	204.77	215.55	+0.15	
Property	155.74	163.94	-0.07	
Special Opp	345.36	364.06	+3.89	
Managed	294.12	309.60	+3.15	
Index-Linked Fd	184.12	193.81	+1.72	

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INTEREST RATES ROUNDUP

	Gross rate	net tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	4.75	3.56	2.94	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-699 1567
"	5.18	3.89	3.11	35,000-50,000	3 mth	071-699 1567
Lloyds	4.06	3.04	2.43	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	5.31	3.98	3.18	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	4.81	3.60	2.88	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528655
" " "	5.31	3.98	3.18	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest	4.88	3.66	2.92	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	5.25	3.93	3.14	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	3.50	2.63	2.10	2,500‡	none	631-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	2.50	1.88	1.50	1,000‡	none	051 2546236
Co-operative Current Acct	0.25	0.18	0.14	none	none	071 828 8543
Citibank	4.75	3.56	2.85	2,000‡	none	0800 555864
Lloyds HICA	1.00	0.75	0.60	500‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	1.50	1.13	0.90	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
Abbey National HICA	1.00	0.75	0.60	1,000‡	none	Local Branch
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	2.00	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank Inist Cheque Acct	1.00	0.75	0.60	2,000‡	none	071-600 6020
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	1.00	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Northern Rock	6.65	4.99	3.99	20,000 min	Postal	——
Staffordshire	6.95	5.21	4.17	100,000 min	Postal	——
Bristol & West	6.45	4.84	3.87	100,000 min	30 day	——
Halifax *	6.85	5.14	4.11	50,000 min	90 day	——
Alliance&Leicester	7.20	5.40	4.32	50,000 min	1 year	——
* 0.25% gross bonus if no withdrawals made in a year						
Best buy — all socs:						
Skipton	6.10	4.58	3.66	£2,000	inst	——
Nottingham	6.27	4.70	3.76	10,000 min	30 day	——
Northern Rock	6.55	4.91	3.93	10,000 min	60 day	——
National Counties	6.95	5.21	4.17	20,000 min	90 day	——
Norwich&Peterbor	7.05	5.29	4.23	5,000 min	1 year	——
Compiled by Chase de Vere Moneyline - call 071 404 5768 for further details						
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c†	3.25	2.44	1.95	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	5.25	3.94	3.15	20-499	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	6.50	4.88	3.90	2,000-24,000	3 mth	0253 786151
6th Index Linkd*	3.00	3.00	3.00	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
42nd Issue Cert*	5.95	5.95	5.95	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan*	5.85	5.85	5.85	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.95	7.95	7.95	25-10,000		
Gen Ed Reinf	3.51	3.51	3.51			
Capital Bond*	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-250,000	8 days	041-649-4555
1st Option Bond*	6.40	4.80	3.84	1,000-19,999		
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
AIG Life	5.90	5.90	5.02	50,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
AIG Life	6.60	6.60	5.61	50,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Save & Prosper	7.00	7.00	5.95	5,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
General Portfolio	7.00	7.00	5.95	50,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5768
Eurolife	8.00	8.00	6.80	10,000 min	5 yrs	for details

RATES		HOLIDAY RATES	£ buys
RPI (Sept 93-94)	+2.2%	Spanish Pesetas:	198.00
Bank Base Rate	5.75%	French Francs:	8.21
Personal Loan	29%	Greek Drachma:	368.00
Credit Card	25 - 27%	Italian Lire:	2460.00

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Market Harbor.	7.60	£3,228.00	90 day loss/notice	£3,000	0858 463344
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Tipton&Coseley	7.35	£3,220.50	7 days notice&£20	£1	021 5572551
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WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS

First in line for Mme Guillotine

From Mr J. Cooper

Sir, "As for pension fund trustees, many heads deserve to roll" (Pennington, October 26), trustees and administrators of occupational funds knew this debacle was inevitable. Our hands tied by the Financial Services Act, we could only watch in horror as events unrolled.

I will reluctantly take my place in the queue for Mme Guillotine, provided that in front of me are:

- Successive Government ministers going right to the top;
- The directors of numerous life companies and the countless other respectable gentlemen whose companies (and no doubt their bonuses) benefited from the situation;
- 95 per cent of the country's independent financial advisers;
- and, not least, the many journalists who carelessly criticised occupational pension funds throughout the 1980s.

By the time it is my turn, the blade will be blunt enough to do no lasting harm. Finally,



who is going to pay for the assessment and compensation exercises which will now take place? Will it be any of the guilty parties, or will it be the life offices' current and future customers? Who do you think?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN COOPER
(Pension Fund Trustee),
Graseby plc, Botanic House,
100 Hills Road, Cambridge.

Annuity payouts

From Mr M. Woodman

Sir, Sara McConnell's article "Annuities pay out less in early years when index-linked" (Weekend Money, October 22) rather understates the position. She says that "it will be several years before your income rises above the level it would have been had you opted for a level payment".

The illustrations I received this year for 3 per cent indexed and 5 per cent indexed were considerably less than a level annuity. A simple spreadsheet showed me that it would take 11 and 12 years respectively before the +3 per cent and +5 per cent annuities overtook a level annuity. In terms of total cash received, it would take 19 and 20 years respectively! I have not attempted a calculation of the interest receivable if, on drawing the level annuity, the excess over +3 per cent or +5 per cent was invested.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL WOODMAN,
5 Hithersand Close,
Hampton Lucy,
Warwick.

Winners and losers

From Mr F. J. Weddell

Sir, I wonder if "Name and address supplied" (Weekend Money Letters, October 15) would like to see an equalisation fund whereby *those Premium Bond holders* who are considered to have won too many prizes should be "fined" in order to compensate the losers?

Were the same correspondent to win £1 million, would he be content for half of it to be retained in order to compensate the losers? Support groups would be unnecessary as the scheme would be self-financing. However, I feel that Premium Bonds would *lose much of their attraction.*

Yours faithfully,
F. J. WEDDELL,
Ulysses,
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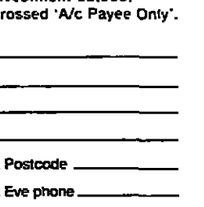
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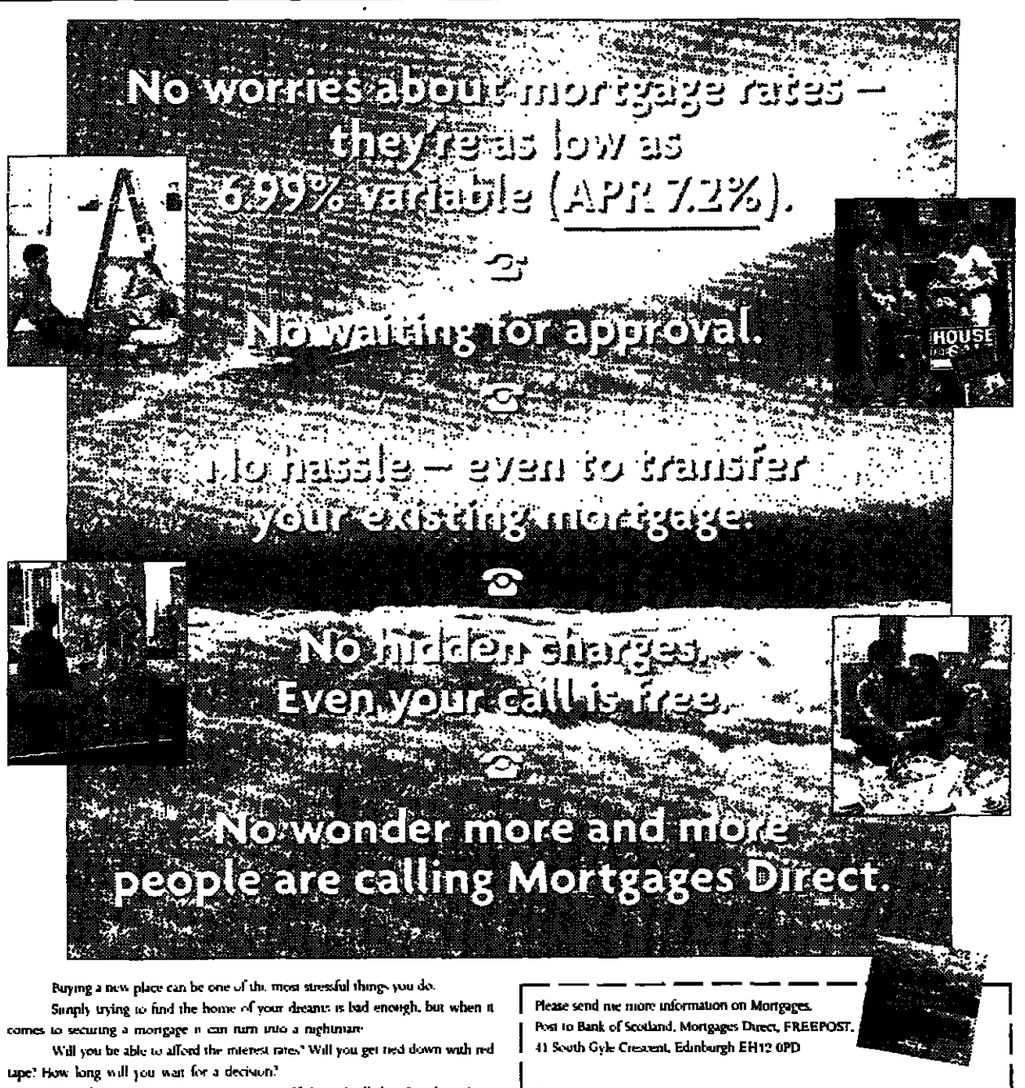
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Int Fxd Inc Inc	71.74	76.32†	+ 1.30	4.84
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Fixed Inv Tst	172.90	184.60†	+ 1.80	0.91
Japan	185.00	196.10	+ 1.20	...
Latin American	73.52	77.42	- 0.05	0.82
Pacific	73.66	78.88	- 1.17	0.34
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Exempt	710.50	75.20†	+ 1.15	4.40
Financial	70.83	75.76	+ 1.36	2.98
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General	262.60	280.90†	+ 4.70	2.72
Managed	250.80	268.20	+ 2.90	2.69
Yield Inc	174.20	186.30	+ 2.00	2.61
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.30	100.30†		4.66
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Gilt & Fxd Int	55.65	57.51	+ 0.20	6.88
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Income Bshire	61.86	64.96	+ 0.74	4.67
Intl Income	92.08	98.04	+ 0.99	3.81
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	112.60	120.10	+ 2.10	2.74
Leisure	134.50	122.50	+ 0.60	1.44
Recovery	397.80	425.40	+ 5.70	2.57
Small Cos Inc	41.07	43.88	+ 0.07	2.17
Special Sits	387.00	285.60	+ 4.50	1.70
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Asst Acc	242.70	254.40	+ 1.90	2.13
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Europe	268.00	272.10	+ 2.10	0.60
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Global Growth	122.80	131.00	+ 1.90	...
Japan Growth	266.50	228.10	+ 0.40	...
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Korea Trust	87.81	97.49	+ 3.47	...
Portfolio	126.00	137.20	+ 1.80	1.80
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UK Smaller Cos	85.27	91.19	+ 0.61	1.62
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Inc Gth & Inc	207.60	222.00	+ 4.60	3.26
UK & Gen	43.08	46.07	+ 0.97	1.87
Fund of Funds	52.33	67.20†	+ 0.37	-
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
041 222 6020				
Balanced Growth	181.20	187.09†	+ 1.94	1.78
(Accum Units)	114.11	153.75	+ 2.55	1.78
Smaller Cos	98.65	105.45†	+ 3.07	1.33
Higher Yield	43.23	45.81†	+ 0.75	3.49
(Accum Gth Inc	58.20	72.17	+ 2.45	...
European Growth	130.45	139.04	+ 2.36	0.05
(Accum Units)	133.02	140.76	+ 2.36	0.05
Global Bond Inc	25.58	26.99	+ 0.13	5.75
Mngd Pnsn Inc	40.81	43.17†	+ 0.69	1.41
(Accum Units)	41.39	43.78	+ 0.70	1.41
Int Stock Opps	113.70	120.32	+ 3.17	0.44
Pacific Gth	139.77	138.58	+ 0.74	...
Property Inc				
UK Emerging Cos	61.90	66.08	- 0.04	1.87
UK Growth	43.06	46.58†	+ 0.67	2.51
Aber Wrldw Port #	71.66	72.96†	+ 0.87	2.24
Ethical	58.96	64.01	+ 0.73	2.74
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	*49.07*	*49.07*	*+ 0.31*	*7.54*
For Access Fds see United Friendly				
AESOP UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
031 549 3232				
British Growth	86.72	70.98†	+ 0.88	2.72
British Income	77.29	82.20†	+ 1.06	3.44
Select Portfolio	84.55	89.94†	+ 0.82	..
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
0483 305 855				
Amity Income	73.48	77.96†	+ 1.05	2.57
Income Builder Inc	68.34	70.57	+ 0.78	3.01
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
FA dlg: 0735 510 388 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Specialist Trusts				
Growth & Income	221.40	236.80†	+ 1.90	3.30
Capital	381.30	418.70†	+ 2.30	1.98
Balanced	656.50	703.90	+ 3.90	2.63
Accumulator	611.97	612.79†	+ 0.00	3.17
Income Trusts				
American Income	45.41	48.54	+ 0.30	3.67
High Income	368.90	407.10	+ 2.60	3.79
Equity Income	216.30	231.20	+ 1.70	3.65
High Yield	232.50	248.50†	+ 1.50	3.50
Gwt Securities	32.04	33.83†	+ 0.17	5.27
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	134.40	143.60†	+ 0.40	0.49
European Growth	33.70	36.00	+ 0.05	0.01
International	158.20	169.10	+ 1.20	0.29
Japan	218.30	232.70	+ 2.40	0.01
Pacific	415.90	444.50	+ 4.80	0.01
Spcs ex America	384.20	419.30	+ 8.30	0.55
Wrldw Asset Val	47.43	50.76	+ 0.30	0.24
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	504.00	538.70	+ 5.70	2.37
Cash & Gilt	42.71	45.65	- 0.02	5.05
Smaller Cos	158.80	170.80	+ 0.80	1.30
2nd Smaller Cos	151.10	161.50	+ 0.70	1.50
Recovery	129.60	138.50†	+ 0.40	1.69
Met Min & Cstl	149.50	159.80†	- 3.00	0.74
Doms Exempt	335.40	358.50†	+ 2.70	1.85
Technology	157.00	167.80†	+ 2.50	0.01
UK Special Sits	429.00	458.60†	+ 3.60	1.89
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0293 539 977				
Cnsrvtv Gwt Pens	95.32	99.03†	- 1.17	1.45
Founder Pnsn Pens	60.54	62.89†	- 0.86	4.00
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	68.15	72.50	+ 1.07	1.82
International	61.49	65.41	+ 1.42	-
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
031 222 4242				
America	271.80	285.10	+ 6.50	...
Bond	105.50	110.90†	+ 0.40	7.56
Brit Smlr Cos	95.69	101.80	+ 0.10	1.38
Conv & Bnd #	83.59	87.87†	- 0.56	5.53
Energy	427.10	456.80	+ 8.30	0.18
Europe	219.20	233.70†	+ 1.90	0.46
Euro Smlr Cos	100.50	107.40†	+ 0.10	0.87
Income Gwth	302.00	354.30	+ 5.30	4.44
Japan	334.80	355.80†	+ 3.30	...
Pacific	197.60	114.50	+ 1.60	0.73
UK Smlr Cos	50.10	53.30	+ 0.21	0.92
Japan Fd	748.00	778.80	+ 3.00	...
Mngd Fd	166.70	177.30†	+ 2.30	3.04
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
081 668 9002				
American Growth	89.81	95.49	+ 2.54	...
Amer Capital Cos	134.20	133.10†	+ 2.70	3.50
Cash Tract	90.13	90.13	- 0.04	4.10
Convertibles	54.24	58.00†	+ 0.07	5.50
Eastern	266.80	306.60	+ 6.70	0.10
Equity Income	85.16	90.61†	+ 1.21	4.50
European Growth	282.10	299.20	+ 3.70	1.60
Europe	268.00	272.10	+ 2.10	0.60
German Growth	69.51	73.69	+ 0.74	0.10
Global Bond	112.80	119.60	+ 0.60	6.40
Global Growth	122.80	131.00	+ 1.90	...
Japan Growth	266.50	228.10	+ 0.40	...
Japan Smaller	187.80	198.90	+ 1.60	...
Korea Trust	87.81	97.49	+ 3.47	...
Portfolio	126.00	137.20	+ 1.80	1.80
(Accum Units)	233.40	250.30	+ 3.20	1.80
UK Growth	82.67	87.94	+ 0.43	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	85.27	91.19	+ 0.61	1.62
Select Managed	72.21	77.29	+ 0.76	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
071 250 3300				
Ind Cmth Port Inc	75.00	79.79	+ 0.51	-
Special Opps Inc	54.55	58.03	+ 0.20	-
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD				
071 236 6441				
Special Sits	163.90	175.30	- 0.20	1.55
Balanced	92.21	97.92	+ 1.39	3.77
Inc Gth & Inc	207.60	222.00	+ 4.60	3.26
UK & Gen	43.08	46.07	+ 0.97	1.87
Fund of Funds	52.33	67.20†	+ 0.37	-
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
041 222 6020				
Balanced Growth	181.20	187.09†	+ 1.94	1.78
(Accum Units)	114.11	153.75	+ 2.55	1.78
Smaller Cos	98.65	105.45†	+ 3.07	1.33
Higher Yield	43.23	45.81†	+ 0.75	3.49
(Accum Gth Inc	58.20	72.17	+ 2.45	...
European Growth	130.45	139.04	+ 2.36	0.05
(Accum Units)	133.02	140.76	+ 2.36	0.05
Global Bond Inc	25.58	26.99	+ 0.13	5.75
Mngd Pnsn Inc	40.81	43.17†	+ 0.69	1.41
(Accum Units)	41.39	43.78	+ 0.70	1.41
Int Stock Opps	113.70	120.32	+ 3.17	0.44
Pacific Gth	139.77	138.58	+ 0.74	...
Property Inc				
Fidelity Special Values	73.43	77.78	+ 0.46	2.09
UK General	74.21	78.53	+ 0.47	2.08
Japan	95.59	69.41	- 0.08	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	92.97	94.87	+ 0.49	5.83
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 488 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	63.67	64.70	+ 0.32	6.58
CS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
061 837 5050				
Exempt	146.30	155.70	+ 1.50	1.71
Gilt Growth	153.50	160.70	+ 2.90	0.39
UK Income	126.10	134.20†	+ 2.10	4.48
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0100 654 122				
Can Gen Dist	180.30	191.10	+ 3.30	2.07
-do- Income Dist	102.50	108.70†	+ 1.30	4.60
(Accum Units)	309.40	327.80	+ 3.70	4.60
Gilt & Fxd Int	33.70	41.02	+ 0.71	6.63
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	143.90	153.10†	+ 3.60	...
Eurocosc Inc	73.07	79.95	+ 0.56	0.40
Smaller Cos (4-1)	77.15	82.06	+ 0.68	1.93
Growth	403.00	427.70	+ 9.70	2.35
Income & Growth	390.00	414.50	+ 6.80	4.00
Japan & Gen	547.90	582.90	+ 9.70	4.00
Japan & Gen	76.14	80.85	+ 0.61	...
Master Portfolio	£100.71	£104.57†	+£1.23	1.95
(Accum Units)	£115.70	£134.25	+£1.46	1.98
Special Sits	92.87	98.60	+ 1.16	2.32
High Yield	£12.52	£12.911	+ 4.00	4.49

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS				
081 208 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 661				
American Gwth Tst	34.34	36.72†	+ 0.99	0.78
Cash Income	50.57	50.57	+ 0.03	4.94
European Gwth	38.27	40.79	+ 0.31	0.15
Income & Gwth Inc	28.10	27.91	+ 0.46	4.44
Intnl Gwth	29.92	32.00	+ 0.29	0.13
Japan Gwth	28.51	30.49	+ 0.24	...
Managed Tst Inc	46.33	49.55	+ 0.39	1.03
Orbtnal Opps Inc	146.80	157.10	+ 5.10	...
Property Shares	37.37	39.98	- 0.08	0.67
Smaller Cos	30.31	32.41†	+ 0.89	1.58
UK Growth Tst	24.73	26.44	+ 0.29	2.36
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Nte Gilt Inc	68.85	74.70	+ 0.58	1.36
Cap Nte UK Inc	65.70	70.26	+ 1.02	2.45
Higher Inc Acc	29.84	30.78	-	1.78
Framlington Private Shipley				
Financial	137.50	147.00	- 0.20	1.68
Foundation	87.96	94.07†	+ 1.40	2.36
General	46.38	52.56†	+ 0.56	...
High Income	70.87	75.75	- 0.01	5.01
Mngd Phills Inc	101.70	108.70	-	1.07
Mngd Phills Acc	134.48	207.90	-	1.07
Monthly Income	77.86	83.27	- 1.05	4.24
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
071 606 2708				
Cazenove Portfolio	80.47	85.84	+ 0.51	2.32
American Portfolio	84.80	90.36	+ 0.47	1.16
European Portfolio	91.45	97.32†	+ 0.19	0.86
Japanese Portfolio	68.39	72.59	+ 0.78	...
Pacific Portfolio	141.00	152.26	+ 3.53	0.69
Uk Inc & Growth	73.17	78.45†	+ 0.68	3.97
Utility & Bond	53.94	54.51	- 1.09	8.90
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
071 588 1815				
Inv Fund	647.20	654.10	+ 4.10	4.63
Fxd Int Sec	146.40	146.75	+ 0.50	9.88
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
077 382 50000				
UK Special Sit	62.96	67.06	+ 1.02	2.99
CCF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
071 588 1815				
Inc	630.65	644.81	+ 3.53	4.73
Accum	727.11	727.47	+5.89	...
Inc	118.14	118.14	+ 0.41	9.74
(Accum Units)	181.34	181.65	+ 2.10	-
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
071 637 7887				
Intl Growth	124.57	135.59		
UK Income	162.21	111.87		5.374
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
071 407 5959				
Beckman Inc	68.50	72.50†	- 0.06	2.30
Back Bio-Tech	23.68	26.35	- 0.44	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	151.73	159.72	- 0.80	1.01
City Fin Assets	57.47	71.78†	+ 0.56	1.08
City Fin America	77.85	81.92	+ 1.04	...
City Fin Inc	74.43	78.35†	+ 0.17	0.50
City Fin Japan	171.04	180.04	+ 1.74	...
Fidlty Euro Opp	238.04	250.52	+ 1.53	1.52
Fidlty Pac Inc	183.48	205.83	+ 0.67	3.95
Buckley Wld Gth	130.35	136.84	- 0.19	0.09
Fidlty Cap Gth	137.17	144.39†	+ 0.69	...
Fidlty Pac Inc	108.27	113.97		1.61
Fidlty Pac Acc	153.78	161.87†	+ 0.60	...
City Fin Pac Inc	53.46	56.27	+ 0.62	4.33
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
071 711 0771 Admin: 0277 227 300				
Exempting Markets	55.56	59.37	- 0.21	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	52.40	55.04	+ 1.31	
Atlas Magel Gwth	35.82	38.31	+ 0.40	0.27
Dragon Growth	70.74	75.66	+ 1.10	0.25
Equity High Inc	79.37	84.38	+ 0.57	3.86
(Accum Units)	105.97	112.63	+ 1.29	3.86
European Gwth	48.02	51.08	+ 0.37	0.82
Evergreen	28.05	30.00	+ 0.34	...
General Equity	72.79	84.56	+ 1.38	2.57
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.55	24.78	+ 0.16	6.40
Japan Growth	53.84	57.56	+ 0.53	...
Pedigree Gwth	48.38	51.45	+ 0.76	2.67
Pnl Sm Cos Inc	29.85	31.75†	- 0.11	1.05
(Accum Units)	31.01	32.98	+ 0.07	1.05
Retirement Inc #	24.88	26.61	+ 0.13	5.01
Specialist Sits	36.32	38.84	+ 0.33	2.03
UK & Overseas	46.87	49.86	+ 0.86	1.13
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0634 856 000				
Capital	63.94	68.36	+ 1.09	2.33
Income	57.83	61.84	+ 0.95	4.27
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
081 686 8818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	151.08	160.73†	+ 2.41	5.56
Fixed & Convertible	38.18	40.62†	+ 0.05	7.64
Monthly Inc Plus	46.29	49.24	- 0.19	9.10
Preference Share	44.63	47.48†	- 0.05	7.72
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	119.19	126.88†	+ 3.06	7.35
Managed Fund	84.59	88.71†	+ 0.84	3.07
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	37.89	40.31	+ 0.20	1.68
(Accum Units)	43.36	46.12	+ 0.24	1.68
UK & General	74.80	79.57†	+ 1.85	2.79
Global Bond	93.62	99.59†	+ 2.33	2.79
UK Growth	134.27	142.84	+ 3.21	2.39
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	189.72	192.26	+ 2.93	0.26
Far Eastern Gth	134.11	142.67	+ 1.68	...
Global Bond	72.17	76.72†	+ 0.43	5.80
Japan Growth	126.80	134.86	+ 0.52	...
North Amer Gwth	152.42	162.15	+ 4.14	...
Oriental Growth	77.54	82.49	+ 1.26	...
Worldwide Growth	61.92	65.87†	+ 1.36	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.77	97.77†	+ 0.07	4.81
Wainwright Fund	74.76	79.53	+ 1.42	1.90
Cautious Fund	123.45	131.33	+ 2.23	2.98
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
071 407 5988				
Consistent UT	29.82	31.97	+ 0.36	3.18
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	133.80	142.40†	- 2.80	2.13
Income	68.73	73.12	+ 0.91	5.05
European	58.88	62.84	+ 0.32	1.03
Recovery	143.40	152.60	+ 1.20	2.12
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
071 283 8494				
Equity Dist	795.30	808.08†	- 7.80	4.01
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
0277 299 370				
Fellowship Tst	68.00	72.34†	+ 1.12	1.35
Income #	238.10	246.50†	+ 3.80	4.84
(Accum Units) #	566.90	592.40	+ 9.40	4.84
Smaller Cos	144.00	153.10	+ 1.80	0.91
(Accum Units)	173.50	186.70	+ 1.20	0.88
Inv Portfolio	75.89	80.73	+ 1.59	1.46
High Inc Pref #	65.80	69.99	+ 0.93	4.96
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£14.76	£15.15	- 1.49	-
Japan Small Cos	£12.86	£13.11	+ 8.90

Shares end week on dull note

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Nat	416	...	4.7	14.0
314	233	Allied Irish	257	+4	4.8	9.9
278½	171	Aus Nz Z	174	-1	5.3	26.1
347	172½	Bank Scotland	207	...	3.2	11.7
540	487	Barclays	588	-4	3.6	18.1
318	249	Bk of Ireland	286	+3	4.6	8.8
2912½	2282½	Citicorp	2850	+37½	...	...
285½	203	Close Bros	232	-3	4.6	...
£150¾	£121¼	Commerzbk	£126½	...	6.3	...
1280½	1058½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1112½	+9¾	0.5	...
£344¾	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£290½	-14⅜	2.3	...
1318½	787½	Espirito Santo	793½	+3½	4.7	4.1
90	60	First Nat Fin	68	...	2.8	...
1548¼	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1356	+½	0.4	...
473	209	Hambros	228	-1	8.2	3.3
1113	660	HSBC	733	+2	4.2	10.8
1133	680	HSBC Hlds	737	+7	4.2	10.7
443	400	Joseph (L)	418	...	5.2	12.2
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	482	-3	5.0	8.5
680	519	Lloyds	574	+2	5.9	11.3
850½	472	Nat Aust Bk	486	...	5.6	10.4
622	421	Nat West	586	+4	4.8	9.4
3300	2125	Ottoman Bank	2200	+25	6.6	...
73	53	Rea Bros	61	...	...	...
528	377½	Royal Bk Scot	452	...	1.9	17.1
1574	1050	Schroders	1383	...	3.3	20.4
1458	1043	Schroders N/V	1255	...	1.7	12.5
114	75	Singer & Fried	81	+2	1.8	11.5
359½	223	Stand Chart	288	+2	4.9	10.4
291	197	TSB	230	+½	2.8	9.9
1012	559	Warburg SG	619	+1	4.4	11.6
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	8925	+37½	4.4	7.5
260	194	Westpac	209½	...	3.0	...
380	210	Wintrust	218	...	5.8	14.8

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
10¾	1½	Ascot Hldgs	2			
619	485	Bass	555	+8	4.7	14.5
299	249	Boddington	249½	-1½	4.2	18.4
196	168	Burtonwd Brw	182	-3	3.5	15.1
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	168	...	2.7	23.3
66	45	Fosters Brewing	53	-1	5.3	...
493	375	Fuller Smi 'A'	378	...	2.6	15.6
511	399	Greenalls Grp	407	-4	3.9	15.8
594	452	Greene King	529	...	3.0	14.7
76	59	Hallas Hldgs	65	-1	...	50.7
265	238	Hardy Hanson	257	...	4.3	13.1
170	135	Hawthorne	150	...	3.4	13.5
3773	3125	Holt J	3500	...	1.8	19.3
246	195	Mansfield	223	-1	2.5	13.6
314	256	Marston Thomp	306	...	2.4	15.8
545	483	Morland	505	...	2.5	16.9
10⅝	6½	Paramount	7½	...	3.3	...
274	208	Regent Inns	267	...	2.5	...
591	477	Scot & New	515	-2	4.1	15.3
308	223	Vaux Group	235	...	5.1	15.1
421	324½	Wetherspoon JD	409	...	2.0	...
617	494	Whitbread	570	+2	4.1	18.6
589	493	Wolverhmptn D	532	...	3.1	14.9
180	148	Yates Bros	175	...	2.1	21.6
535	483	Young 'A'	485	...	3.8	18.0

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	140	...	4.7	10.2
200	148	Allen	165	+1	4.0	19.5
164	95	Amec	98	+3	3.8	56.6
95	47	Andrews Sykes	73	+1		
462	333	Ashtead	452	...	1.5	28.8
197	113	Avonside	113½	-½	4.8	13.3
41	25	Bailey (Ben) Con	35	...	2.5	21.4
38	18½	Barcom	37	...	5.9	4.4
282	160½	Barratt Devel	189	+4½	4.4	...
169	127½	Beazer Homes	134	-2	5.0	10.5
304	175	Bellway	208	...	4.3	...
39	33	Bellwinch	33	...	...	29.0
573	371	Berkeley Gp	380	-3	2.3	15.8
215	118	Bett Bros	165	...	2.1	8.2
365	248	Boot (Henry)	249	...	3.3	12.2
84	35	Brandon Hire	71	...	2.6	...
235	170	Br Bldg & Eng	170	-10	6.1	10.3
197½	120	Bryant	127	...	4.7	14.8
145½	111½	CALA	116	...	3.0	16.0
54	31	Campbell & Arm	39	...	...	...
62	44	Clarke T	49	...	3.2	41.6
42	20½	Costain	23½	+1	...	...
185	123	Countryside	128	...	4.0	28.4
120	82	Crest Nicholson	84	...	2.4	15.6
140	100	Cussins	108	...	3.9	13.0
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	20	...	1.9	...
473	328	Eve Group	328	...	4.2	13.4
69	26	Galliford	26	...	4.6	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	89	...	3.8	...
1026	833	Gleeson (MJ)	840	...	2.1	...
85	71	Green (Ernest)	83	...	9.8	...
191	121	Havelock Europ	176	-1	2.1	16.1
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	148	...	2.5	17.8
144	86	Higgs & Hill	86	...	3.3	...
32	20	Howard Hldgs	23	...	4.3	21.5
8	8	Jarvis	10½			
138	104	Keller	110	...	4.3	12.8
428	304	Laing (J)	313	...	4.8	21.3
164	90½	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	98	...	8.2	...
145	115	Lilley Cosimeda	125	...	4.8	17.3
173	96	Lovell (YJ)	74			
253	186	Manders (J)	219	...	3.1	...
321	186	McAlpine (A)	195	...	4.2	28.6
78½	50½	McCarthy & S	57	...	1.1	...
185½	94	Moxleys (J)	102½	...	2.4	...
379½	205	Persimmon	218	+5	5.3	18.3
1809	1458	Pochins	1631½	...	...	...
188	128	Prowting	131	...	3.2	40.3
116	52	Raine Ind	53	...	7.7	11.0
87	50	Sethi-Rel	62	...	1.5	29.2
367	293	Sherill Hldgs	365	...	1.5	24.3
112	62½	Sitaco	172	...	4.1	15.7
245	195	Smart (J)	220	...	5.0	...
280	153½	Spender	238	...	1.3	19.1
257	151	Tay Homes	175	...	4.6	12.9
183	114½	Taylor Woodrw	138	+1	1.7	31.8
760	538	Tilbury Douglas	568	...	7.2	43.6
60	35	Totex Hse	56	...	2.0	28.2
40½	23	Try Group	23	...	2.7	...
117	90	Uloplant	116	+½	3.9	30.7
170	123½	Walbrook	124½	...	4.2	13.4
74	48	Ward Hldgs	57	-1	1.1	...
225½	148	Westbury	155	...	4.4	17.1
7½	3½	Wiggins	6½	-¼	...	...
259	171	Wilson (C)	174	...	3.0	14.5
571	332	Wilson Bowden	344	+1	3.5	15.3
249	132	Wimpey G	138	+1	4.8	20.6

BUILDING MATERIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
27	12	Albrighton	16	...	3.9	15.3
341	283	Dayton Baldwin	337	...	2.3	...
65½	43½	Amberley Gp	59	...	2.5	27.3
363	274	BPB Ind	297	+3	3.4	20.1
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	123	-1	3.2	23.2
60	35½	Barbour	36	...	6.8	...
244	125	Benford Ind	209	+3	...	...
93	60	Blockleys	64	...	1.8	...
391	262	Blue Circle	285	+2	4.9	20.3
117	77	Breedon PLC	100	...	6.4	25.8
154	130	Br Dredging	130	...	5.4	15.6
409	321	CRH	348	+1	2.8	17.7
70	31	Caithness Rty	41	...	...	...
278	235	Cape	237	...	5.8	15.1
355	254	Caradon	279½	+4½	4.0	18.3
215½	128	Costain pft	130½	...	6.9	...
82	48	Cakebread	54	...	8.1	10.8
134	89	Dyson (J&J)	95	+3	4.8	14.3
97	72	Dyson 'A'	72	-2	6.1	10.8
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	8½	...	2.8	...
350	273	Ewart	314	...	3.1	18.6
82	57	Erith	64	...	2.7	36.0
218	160	Graham Grp	161	-1	3.6	15.4
399	337	Halstead (J)	374	...	2.5	...
511	284	Hepworth	293	+5	8.3	16.7
82	46	Hewetson	79	+1	2.0	...
205	85	Hewitt (J)	100	+1	2.2	...
473	285	Heywd Wms	288	+1	5.9	16.2
100	67	Ibstock	75	...	1.7	...
294	149	Jobadon	272	...	2.1	32.7
170	145	Lilleshall	155	...	3.8	16.2
213½	129	Marley	142	+7	3.7	16.8
155	126	Marshalls	143	+2	3.7	17.5
589	359	Meyer Intl	400	+4	3.4	16.9
198	146	Newman Tnks	166	+2	4.8	21.0
212½	119	Norcros	122	-1	7.2	21.9
20	9	Phoenix Timber	12			
308	162	Pilkington	196	+1	2.6	...
185	126	Polypipe	134	...	2.1	...
1079	805	RMC Grp	1000	+15	2.7	20.7
40	18	Ramos	19			
640	448	Redland	468	+2	6.7	21.7
108	70	Rosser	98	...	5.5	...
185½	114	Rugby Group	117	+2	3.7	14.7
103	82	Russell (A)	89	...	3.2	18.3
21	16	SMP	17	...	1.3	23.7
200	155	Sharpe & Fisher	175	...	3.1	12.8
298	222	Sheffield Insul	247	+1	2.8	18.9
81½	43½	Spring Ram	44	+½	1.4	...
206	121	Tarmac	128	+1	5.6	...
230	160	Tilco	160	...	3.4	13.8
370	274	Travis Perkins	289	+5	3.5	18.4
28	21	Tudor	24	...	1.3	...
54	33	Ungrop	40			
63	33	Walkerhouse	51			
129	97½	Wickes	90	+1	1.8	31.2
61½	39½	Wilshaw	61½	+1	1.2	25.3
975	705	Wolseley	785	+5	2.7	15.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2¾	1¼	Anglo Utd	2¾			
110	73	App Holo	102			
165	107	Attwoods	114	+1	5.6	...
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	6½			
48	30	Black Arrow	41	...	7.9	10.0
124	70	Br Bloodstock	74	...	...	66.4
73	5½	Card Gp	6½	...	...	17.4
10½	4½	Charnex	6½			
157	109	Corah	135	...	5.8	...
16	12	EFG	13½	-½	0.9	8.8
227	188	Flextex	210	...	1.0	20.8
262	234	Hozelock	247	...	3.0	17.6
249	184	Leigh	184	-2	5.3	16.8
274	214	Nobo Gp	227	...	3.3	14.6
310	207	Photo-Me	230	...	2.6	24.0
55	38	Plies & Gen	54	...	4.1	...
85	82	Platignum	173	...	2.5	28.4
12½	5½	Porn Group	8½	...	...	...
51½	5½	Radiona	11	-½	...	...
72	185	Scapa	203½	...	3.6	17.4
20	79	Sterns & McEwan	95	+2	4.3	...
44	174	Sinclair (Wm)	174	...	5.1	13.4
30	493	Waste Mgt Intl	496	-2	...	18.7

CHEMICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	115½	Allied Colloids	137	...	2.1	22.0
[illegible]	705	Amber Ind	780	...	3.2	16.2
[illegible]	£105½	BASF DM	£125½	-184½	7.4	...
[illegible]	627	BOC	703	-1	4.1	29.7
[illegible]	296	BTP	293	...	4.3	18.5
[illegible]	£129½	Bayer DM50	£141½	+100	6.3	...
[illegible]	98	Baird Chemic	114	-¼	4.4	...
[illegible]	219	Br Vita	237	+1	4.0	17.6
[illegible]	18	Cambridge Bio	19			
[illegible]	153	Canning (W)	182	...	5.9	30.8
[illegible]	429	Courtaulds	458	-1½	4.0	37.0
[illegible]	327	Croda	346	-6	3.1	14.9
[illegible]	95	Dunton	135	...	4.3	15.3
[illegible]	35½	Euro Colour	66	-¼	2.2	23.6
[illegible]	132	Gibbon Lyons	138	...	5.0	12.0
[illegible]	28	Headway	28	-1	3.1	21.8
[illegible]	148	Hickson	148	...	8.8	13.3
[illegible]	£108½	Hoechst	£134½	+203½	5.5	...
[illegible]	153½	Holliday Chem	221	...	2.5	18.1
[illegible]	723	ICI	773	-8	4.4	62.4
[illegible]	140	Kalon	144	...	3.8	13.6
[illegible]	683	Laporte	689	+2	3.8	17.7
[illegible]	48	MTM	81	+1	0.8	...
[illegible]	282	Macdermid	304	-1	4.1	14.8
[illegible]	100	McLeod Russel	109	...	7.0	17.0
[illegible]	99	Midwest	104	...	4.1	14.1
[illegible]	358½	Morexp	487½	...	4.1	22.3
[illegible]	78	Plasmec	113	...	4.1	...
[illegible]	265	Porvair	295	...	1.9	22.2
[illegible]	31	Sutcliffe Speak	34	...	1.8	20.2
[illegible]	656	Takeda Chem	740½	-¼	0.8	13.9
[illegible]	361	Wardle Storeys	408	...	5.3	21.4
[illegible]	193	Wellington Hdg	193	...	4.8	18.6
[illegible]	570	Wolstenholme Rk	783	-2	3.0	16.3
[illegible]	380	Yorks Chem	392	+1	2.8	15.9
[illegible]	258	Yule Catto	282	...	2.9	21.4

DISTRIBUTORS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	108	ABI Lea	106	...	4.6	14.9
295	248	Acal	285	...	3.0	17.8
538	253	Adam & Harvey	538	+5	3.4	7.4
31	22	Alexanders	23	...	2.7	21.4
175	117	Applevard	120	...	6.0	21.2
6	3¼	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	1.4	58.8
578	485	BSS Group	524	...	4.2	21.9
25½	17	Beaming Power	22½	...	4.2	14.3
485	255	Blackley Mt	258	...	5.1	18.6
40	28	Boyod 'A'	28	...	3.1	...
28½	17	Boustead	26	...	3.9	...
370	288	Bramwell	340	...	4.8	18.9
31	15½	Bridgend Gp	15½	...	7.6	...
99	78	Bull Fitings	90	...	3.1	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	48			
57	36	Bunsdene	36	...	6.9	10.5
465	270	Caffyns	270	...	5.3	18.2
59	28	Castel Plc	30½	+¼	4.5	10.4
130	85	Central Mtr	85	...	4.6	23.5
51	32½	Cook (DC)	38½	...	3.2	11.8
348	201	Cowie	239	+2	4.3	11.7
182½	127	Dip Motors	140	...	5.8	16.1
158	113	Dowsoul Yarn	156	...	2.6	15.5
683	446	Dewhurst B	597	...	1.4	16.7
623	438	Diploma	438	+1	3.6	17.6
589	449	Electrocomponents	460	+7	2.6	20.1
175	133	Electron House	158	...	2.5	16.3
293	225	Ells & Everard	256	...	3.7	19.1
234	201	Evenfollo	203	+1	5.2	15.9
173	106	European Mtr	111	+1	4.9	11.6
539½	395	Evans Halshaw	404	...	4.4	12.7
656	480½	Farnell Elect	511	+14	2.0	21.9
78	50	Fife Indmar	60	-1	5.7	8.8
35	19	Gardiner	18½	...	5.1	8.7
46	22	Glenchewton	22	...	...	24.3
80	60	Gowrings	73	...	3.4	22.2
342½	266½	Hanlys	273	...	3.4	14.6
28	16	Hobson	24½			
191	88	Holders Tech	95	...	7.9	10.3
138	110	ISA Intl	113	...	1.9	14.1
609	395	Inchcape	435	+1	4.3	14.5
88	35	Jacks (Wm)	38	...	...	13.4
184	145	Kwik-Fit	158	+1	3.2	18.1
573	332	Lex Service	361	+13	4.6	13.8
282	162	Lookers	190	...	4.5	11.8
28½	24	Mallya Gp	24	...	1.3	...
6½	3½	Middlesex	8½	...	...	...
440	279	Nodlon	440	...	0.6	21.1
100	47	Northamber	90	+3	1.1	38.2
175	153	PCTI	155	...	6.0	15.0
310	232	Pendragon	246	+2	3.8	16.2
238	165	Perry Gp	165	...	5.3	9.0
218	141	Quicks Group	141	...	4.7	14.8
149	97	REA	143	+2	5.2	28.6
5¼	3¼	Reece	3¼			
24	7½	Ross Gp	8½	...	2.9	...
42	34	SEP Ind	34	...	3.3	16.0
44	31	TLS Range	37	...	3.4	14.9
265	215	Time Products	238	...	4.7	15.8
221	158	Vardy (Reg)	158	...	3.6	14.9
395	249	Wholesale Ftgs	249	...	5.9	...
30½	17	Wilts Gp	17	-1	3.7	9.5
69	40	Wyko	60	-3	1.0	...
86	68	Young (H)	68	...	6.1	72.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
202	148	Adwest	163	+7½	5.8	16.6
380	199½	Autoglass	343	+3	1.3	27.7
62	48	Armour	48½	...	4.5	...
988	773½	Broken Hill	911	-4	2.2	37.5
401	299	BTR	303	-2	5.2	16.0
570	372	BAT	434	-5	8.0	11.4
91	49	Bibby (J)	60	...	4.2	...
57½	44	Brierley Invt	48½	+¼	8.7	...
38	10½	Cannon St	12½	...	...	4.8
836	636½	Charter	761	+1	3.7	21.6
365	226½	Cookson	248	+1	3.3	22.4
392	217½	Dawson	226½	-1	6.6	20.3
220	152	Harrisons Crsfld	165	...	6.8	18.8
365½	240	Hutch Whamp	285½	+1½	1.9	20.9
710	409½	Jardine Math	517¼	+3½	2.8	12.1
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	30	...	4.2	29.3
175½	124½	Lonrho	144½	+12	3.5	39.7
44	16	Porter Chadbn	37	+2	...	...
705	522	Powell Duffryn	534	+11	5.5	15.2
164	118½	Ropner	122	...	7.7	13.8
489	337	Rolinsons	415	-5	4.0	22.1
198	137	Sime Darby	160	+1	3.4	16.6
257	197	Sterling	205	...	3.2	60.2
220	161	Suter	161	...	7.2	15.5
288	220	TT Group	239	+1	2.3	...
269	202	Tomkins	211	+4	4.4	13.5
180	74½	Trafalgar H	83	...	1.5	...
440	245	Unitech	335	...	3.6	15.2
324	245½	Wassall	277	+2	1.8	23.8
13½	9½	Widney	10			
414½	322	Williams Hldg	345	+1	4.7	21.3

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
787	537	East Midlands	704	-6	4.6	48.8
866	586	Eastern Grp	803	-5	3.6	17.6
753	534	London Elec	729	-10	3.9	11.1
871	635	Manweb	820	-10	3.7	9.8
840	547	Midlands Elec	703	-5	3.7	12.2
520	404½	National Power	495	-1½	3.2	12.3
858	589	Northern Elec	808	-6	3.8	10.7
421	339	Nthn Ireland	371	-2	3.8	10.1
850	587	Norweb	815	-7	3.5	10.7
802	449	PowerGen	588	+1	2.8	12.4
477	307	Hydro-Elect	328	...	4.8	10.3
496	325	Scottish Power	357	+4	4.3	11.3
453	299	Seaboard	432	-3	3.4	11.5
840	581	Sth Wales	824	-4	3.9	11.2
824	551	Sth Western	784	-2	3.7	10.5
837	540	Southern Elec	805	+1	3.5	12.6
795	532	Yorkshire Elec	744	-7	3.9	14.5

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
109	63	Agora Comp	92			
198	163	Alba	182	...	3.4	15.0
59	25½	Amstrad	29	...	2.2	...
39	24	Arlen	32			
94½	78	Asec	84½	+½	1.3	17.3
281	118	Astec	132	...	2.8	10.7
478	326	BICC	355	+1	6.8	22.4
283	238	Baxter Hoover	288	...	4.5	...
565	482	Bick	405	...	3.2	16.3
380	288	Bowthorpe	304	...	2.9	17.5
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17½	...	1.8	10.2
18	7	Business Tech	7½			
283	203	CML Micro	270	...	2.8	17.2
35½	24	Chloride	28	...	...	72.7
117	81	Copyrone	115	...	4.7	...
202	154	Cray Elect	169	+2	1.7	19.7
487	412	Crichley	444	...	2.3	19.9
86	54	Dale	72	...	1.7	...
388	289	Danka Bs Sys	322	+5	0.6	27.4
586	430	Delta	443	+5	4.1	19.0
560	400	Domino	518	...	2.0	22.3
78	53	Dowding Mills	64½	...	5.0	23.5
1635	1220	Dreck	1460	...	0.9	27.2
3756½	2800	Electrolux 'B'	3050	-28½	1.7	52.6
38½	21	Emess	30½	...	0.4	...
5781½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3676½	+25	1.0	32.5
86	56	Eurocopy	64	...	3.5	18.9
451	343	Eurotherm	378	...	1.7	22.4
402	334½	Fairey Group	368	+1	2.1	18.5
283	193	Farnell Gp	195	...	3.2	11.7
58	14½	Forward Tech	44	...	2.1	9.1
350½	258½	GEC	286½	-¼	4.7	14.4
191	104	Gestetner	107	+1	2.8	...
191	119	Graseby	147	...	5.1	13.8
193	121	Ind Control	128	...	4.9	...
398	335	Kenwood App	374	-1	3.0	17.9
875	730	Kershaw (A)	865	...	4.0	39.8
165	95	Kode	62	...	8.1	...
55	45	LPA Ind	54	...	3.7	...
320	250	MTL Inst	317	-1	1.7	19.1
281	210	Memec-Sw	258	...	2.0	20.1
45	31	Microvitec	35½			
494	185	Mitel	221			
146	109	Murray Ed▼	114	...	2.2	...
31	23	Ohms	23	...	2.8	...
91	68	Pacer Systems	70	...	6.3	25.3
98	74½	Peckt	84	+2	5.1	21.1
2175	1400	Philips Lmp	2025	-40½	0.9	9.3
£115	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£100	...	5.8	...
350	283	Pifco	354	...	1.6	24.3
344	283	Pifco 'A' Vtg	332	...	1.7	22.8
129	100	Pressac	104	+2	8.7	...
43½	17½	Prestwick	27			
303	181	Psion	252	...	1.4	17.7
261	187	Racal Elect	242	+2	2.2	19.9
53	33	Radamec	52	...	4.6	14.3
311	229	Roxboro	230	...	2.4	16.8
89	15	Scantronic	22½	+½	4.7	...
258	152	Scholes Gp	253	...	0.8	...
48	35	Silvermines	35	...	2.9	20.8
94	53	Soundtracks	63	...	4.8	14.3
104	41	Stm Box	48	...	8.7	7.5
19	11	TDS Circuits	11			
3225	2265½	TDK	2931¼	-56¼	1.1	...
170	80	Telemetrix	83	...	1.5	10.6
101	51	TGI	89	...	2.8	15.6
318	191	Telspec	317	+1	1.0	38.3
230	133	Thorne PW	225	+10	1.8	16.5
43	22	Total Systems	38	...	...	37.4
303	215	Tunstall	256	...	1.8	18.3
363	258	Unitech	362	...	2.3	28.3
16	8½	Vinty	9			
403	385	Volex	398	...	5.7	17.4
200	60	Wakebourne	91			
155½	93	Whitecroft	141	...	1.8	22.3

ENGINEERING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
185	119	AIM	150	...	3.8	40.0
138	80	APV	62	...	8.9	...
220	157	ASW	188	...	4.0	...
136	20½	Aero Hamble	28	...	16.7	2.8
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	18	...	5.2	51.0
43	27½	Alvis	44	+2½	2.8	30.6
175	156	Ash & Lacy	158	...	5.1	16.3
553	480	Atlas Equip	538	+3	5.1	17.9
125	86	Ayrshire Metal	113	...	1.7	...
51	24½	BM Gp	45	+½		
40½	28½	Babcock	29½	-½		
178	138	BW	143	...	6.0	...
83	64	Baynes (Charles)	82	...	2.7	21.0
95	23	Beaufort	47			
9	6	Beverley	46½	...	...	64.8
226	123	Bilam (J)	135	+10	4.9	8.4
329	282	Bodycote	312	...	2.2	21.1
75	43	Booth Inds	86			
28	15	Bramay	15½	...	4.5	15.8
177	120	Bridon	157	...	3.2	...
584	390	Br Aerospace	454	+2	2.5	39.9
172½	121½	Br Steel	155	-1	1.6	57.4
125	86½	Bromsgrove Ind	88½	+½	6.4	11.2
18½	9½	Buckler Tool	12½			
186	136	Bullough	146	...	5.1	24.3
79	55	Burnfield	71	-1	3.3	30.5
22	14	CI Group	15	...	2.6	...
293	247	Carclo Eng	249	+1	4.6	16.3
155	110	Castings	136	-1	2.4	18.7
203	155	Charnborne Hill	160	...	5.1	10.1
360	272	Chemring	284	...	4.1	15.0
298½	187	Clyde Blowers	187	...	2.8	52.3
686	493	Cohen (A)	540	...	0.8	...
263	179	Concentric	179	-2	4.2	14.8
310	240	Cook (Wm)	266	-4	3.6	12.7
298	198	David Brown	218	+3	3.8	15.4
97	70	Dobson Park	78	...	6.0	15.4
442	364	ES	390	...	4.0	15.5
91	69	Elliott (B)	80	+1	1.4	13.0
118	60	Eulogi	101	-1	3.2	71.8
212	156	FKI	157	-1	2.9	18.2
332	235	FR Group	332	+7	2.9	15.6
148	109	Fenner	134	-1	0.4	...
45	31	Fortune	31	-1		
88	75	GEI Intl	76	...	2.5	21.3
132	91	Gamon Engg	125	-2	4.6	...
404	321	Glynwed	337	+3	4.3	19.7
14½	10	Greystone	13½	...	2.2	11.4
85	61	Haden MacLn	70	...	3.7	17.6
122	90	Hadleigh	119	...	2.1	13.9
140	143	Hall Engg	147	...	6.8	11.5
256	204	Halma	223	...	3.3	26.2
73	47	Hampson Ind	50½	...	5.0	9.6
181	122	Hanna (Philip)	140	...	6.1	17.3
48	32	Hay (Norman)	26			
184½	137	Hill & Smith	148	...	4.9	16.1
63	39	Hopkinsons	53	...	3.1	...
41	27	How Gpt	39	...	2.4	...
103	78	Howden	86	-1	3.5	13.8
265	158	Hunting	158	...	7.9	31.3
513	402	Hunting Tec	423	...	1.9	19.7
378	286	IMI	312	+2	4.1	28.5
51	33½	Johnson & FB	34	...	1.3	...
628	488	Johnson Mathy	580	+5	2.5	23.1
92	25	Jones Stroud	30			
320	230	Kelsey Ind	319	+2	3.1	...
233	205	Lincat	233	...	3.7	14.5
20½	14	Locker (T) A	14½	...	1.7	...
49	38	ML Hldgs	38	...	2.8	13.2
67	30	MS Intl	30	-4	10.4	16.1
179	129	Mang Bronze	142	...	3.5	11.1
539	412	McKechnie	412	...	4.5	15.2
120	71½	Meggitt	73	+½	6.1	11.6
120	101	Metalrax	107	...	4.4	17.8
137	99	Metsec	131	...	2.9	18.2
589	538	Molins	539	...	3.7	10.8
408	310	Morgan Cruc	316	...	5.1	15.3
217	176	Motts Ashby	210	...	3.6	...
51	34	Neepsend	36	...	2.3	16.8
128	53	Neotronics	54	...	6.0	11.7
60	42	Newman (L)	46			
64	42	OMI Intl	44	+½	5.3	...
358	277	Oxford Inst	309	...	2.0	18.2
351	219	Powerscreen	282	...	3.4	12.5
23½	13½	Prospect Inds	14	-½	7.3	7.5
108	60	Radiant Metal	80			
71	13	Ransomes	63	-1		
95	70	Record	85	...	5.3	19.1
309	268	Renold	292	...	3.0	25.6
185	136	Renold	173	...	1.8	24.0
73	51	Richard (Leic)	51	...	5.5	36.5
104½	81	Richardson West	82	...	4.9	18.0
204	161	Rolls-Royce	177	-1½	3.5	31.2
195	152	Rotork	160	...	3.4	16.3
190	135	Robeson	135	...	4.3	15.2
150½	72	Senior Engg	80	...	5.3	13.0
270	245	Servomex	266	...	3.1	28.4
630	500	Sholbe	547	+3	2.5	17.6
130½	75	Simon Eng	97			
82	35	Six Hundred	80	-1	2.3	...
1458½	1071½	SKF 'B'	1118½	+3½		
527½	411	Smiths Ind	459	...	3.5	17.7
451	337	Spirax-Sarco	451	...	2.7	19.2
267	197	Sterling Ind	237	...	3.3	21.3
455	343	TI	363	+9	3.9	30.1
121	92	Tessley (E)	118	...	5.9	19.2
105	45	Transtec Tech	54	+3	7.8	7.5
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	130	...	6.7	...
18½	12	Utd Inds	16	...	0.9	...
1398	980	VSEL	1380	...	3.2	12.9
31½	12	Vesco	15	+1½		
204	163	Vickers	180	-3	2.4	19.1
327	239	Victaulic	239	...	4.2	13.1
19	9½	Vulcan Grp	11			
522	451	Vinten	511	+7	2.0	13.4
805	661	Vosper Thorny	754	...	3.0	16.3
527	451	Wagon Ind	466	+1	4.8	22.7
354½	245½	Weir	277	-1	3.0	16.5
39½	37½	Wellman	39	...	2.9	63.7
548	382	Whatman	382	...	3.4	14.0
264	90	Whessoe	107	...	9.6	8.2

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
66	34	AAF Inds	40			
350	293	Abbey Panels	350			
156	108	Airflow Stream	152	...	3.3	14.9
638	474	Avon Rubber	534	-3	3.9	23.2
236	173	BBA	187	+2	3.0	...
86½	57½	BSG	59½	...	6.7	37.2
18½	8½	Benson Group	10	...	4.1	13.7
306	180	Boxborough	298	...	3.5	17.0
22	12½	Clovedale	13½	-½	1.4	19.7
332	275	ERF	323	...	0.8	...
346	296	First Tech	331	-1	1.3	19.1
680	510½	GKN	604	-2	4.2	35.3
4387½	2350	General Mtr	2412½	+62½	2.1	...
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1071¼	+4	0.4	...
444	340	Laird	370	...	3.7	17.4
239	158	Lucas	196	+1	4.5	...
64	53	Mayflower	54	...	3.2	22.0
124	69	Mdstams	77	-1	...	10.7
178	149	Sytone	161	...	3.8	17.8
261	203	T & N	219	+1	6.2	19.1
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	306	...	2.7	22.0

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	490	AB Food	566	-1½	3.3	11.1
368	265	Acatos & Hutch	275	...	3.9	11.0
74	42	Albert Fisher	43	...	10.8	14.6
270	229	Banks (S C)	220	...	5.5	8.4
375	305	Barr (AG)	375	+3	2.2	24.2
72	49	Bensons Crsp	41	...	6.6	...
481	378	Booker	403	-2	6.8	14.8
56½	48	Borthwick	51	...	3.2	21.8
212	156	CPL Aromas	204	...	1.8	19.5
232	407	Cadbury-Schwpp	440	+5	4.4	14.6
225	143	Carrs Milling	187	...	3.0	10.1
167	130	Clarissa	149	...	6.9	12.4
154	90	Dalepak	103	...	1.8	...
543	389	Dalgety	433	+5	6.1	12.1
87	50	Daniel S	54	...	0.7	...
294	210	Devro	215	...	3.6	14.5
101	54	Everest	56	...	5.6	...
8½	3	Farleydind	5			
85	68	Finlay (James)	75	...	7.1	8.9
20½	13	Global	13	...	4.8	11.8
68	36	Grand Central	48			
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	125	...	6.7	7.8
198½	151	Hillsdown	169	-1	6.5	12.0
111	93	JLI Group	95	...	6.3	13.4
408	313	Linden Park	400	+2	5.5	11.4
127	85	Matthews (B)	116	...	2.9	13.9
246	205	Nichols (JN)	238	-3	3.1	15.3
271½	193	Nike Foods	200	+1	5.5	9.8
14	9	Nelson Fn	12			
46	30	Pascoe's	30			
81	62	Perkins Food	75	...	7.4	12.6
96	73	Savory Farm	83	...	3.4	8.4
122	71	Sims Food	80	...	11.7	...
487½	382	Tate & Lyle	428	+6	3.9	10.6
238	145	Treat	170	...	2.5	16.9
434½	323	Unigate	380	+6	6.2	8.9
1247	968	Unilever	1131	-4	2.8	16.3
8118½	6495½	Unilever (NV)	7271½	+3½	2.8	14.8
308	283½	Utd Biscuits	318	+3½	6.0	26.9
21	6	Usborne	7	+½	5.9	5.2
49	33	West Trust	33	...	9.5	23.1
120	99	Yorkshire Food	114	-1	3.8	13.5

HEALTHCARE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
544	387	AAH	388	...	5.8	13.8
1141	910	Amersham	985	-1	2.0	20.6
81	43	Anagen	58			
297½	245	Assoc Nursg	245	...	1.0	14.3
393	243	Bespak	271	...	4.7	13.9
10	6	Care UK	6½			
115	60	Celsis	71			
151	88	Chiroscience	92	+3		
47	40½	Cortecs	47			
297	232	Community H	245	...	4.9	14.1
44	30	Cussons	32	...	3.0	...
146	86	Enviromed	133	-1	0.2	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	88	...	3.0	13.0
171	134	Goldsborough	140	...	2.9	15.3
15½	10	Greenalm	10	-¼	4.2	13.3
185	39	Intercare Gp	46	...	9.5	4.9
325	283	Isotron	285	+1	2.1	...
171	107	Life Sciences	148	+2	3.5	14.7
152½	74	Lon Intl	88			
80	42	Medo-BNA	47	...	8.4	11.6
3	1½	Premier Health	1½			
330	227	Quality Care	255	...	2.2	14.8
210	145	Scholl	150	...	5.3	14.4
367	291	Seton Health	346	+5	2.6	17.6
83	44	Shield Diag	60			
159½	136½	Smith & Nephw	144	+½	4.4	15.9
21	9	Specialeyes	9			
292	192	Takare	222	+1	1.2	19.3
313	256	UniChem	283	-5	3.2	15.0
400	294	West Hlthcare	362	-3	1.6	...

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
312	223	Airsprung	244	...	2.5	15.2
193	115	BLP Group	168	+3	0.7	46.1
39	28	Bilston Batsea	36	+1		
167	86	Cornell Pk 'A'	96	...	7.4	21.5
285	190	Creighton N	194	...	5.0	...
162	133	Denby Group	155	...	2.5	15.1
168	113	Gaskell	145	...	3.7	...
14	4¼	Liontrust	5¼	...	4.8	...
231	166	Maybom	186	...	4.0	12.4
335	253	Ordiams Intl	255	+1	5.1	11.5
430	230	Osborne & Little	415	+3	2.0	15.1
625	428	Paterson Zoch	454	...	3.8	...
595	413	Paterson Zch 'A'	435	...	4.0	...
714½	528	Reckitt Colem	584	-1	3.9	14.8
281	211	Relyon	257	-1	2.6	48.9
378	194	Silentnight	230	...	4.3	14.4
46	33	Stoddard	35	...	5.7	13.2
390	214	Tomkinsons	214	...	8.7	20.1
180	125	Victoria Carpet	150	...	3.8	8.1
114	87	Walker Greenbk	105	...	4.0	18.7
63	44	Wilford Wigod	58	...	...	45.2
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	2.4	31.2

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1493½	937½	Alex & Alex	1225	...	5.4	...
2043½	1587½	Am Genl	1700	+12½	4.2	...
112	84½	Angerstein	87	+1½	1.7	71.7
86	47	Archer	57	+1	2.2	...
165	85	Bradstock	94	...	7.4	10.8
550	370	Britannic	411	-2	4.0	...
117	88	CLM Insce	89	...	2.0	...
701½	481	Com Union	554	+4	5.7	29.9
108	86	Delian	89	...	0.7	...
1950	1663	Dom & Gen	1670	...	2.1	17.9
64	33	FAI	36	+2	1.3	...
221½	145	FBD E	162½	-½	4.2	7.6
194	140	Fenchurch Gp	140	...	6.4	12.5
114	89	Finsbury Under	91	+1	1.9	58.7
757	529	Gen Accident	588	+4	5.9	9.5
247	181	GRE	191½	+2	5.1	27.4
165	80	HCG Lloyds	86	+1	1.9	72.5
457	233	Heath C E	233	-2	8.6	...
245½	187½	Hiberman &	197½	-½	4.9	7.4
114	88	Hiscox Select	100	...	7.9	...
323	239	Independent	249	-1	4.4	6.7
241	178	Irish Life	188	-1	6.2	17.5
288	126	JIB Group	135	-1	7.2	11.9
547	407	Legal & Genl	435	-1	5.9	17.3
1428½	965¼	Liberty Life	1415½	+25	7.2	5.5
119	91	London Ins Mkt	94	...	1.3	32.8
310	157	Lloyd Thompt	192	...	5.1	12.7
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	347	+2	6.7	10.5
185	159	Lombard Ins	175	...	5.5	16.7
443	313	Lon & Mhtt	318	-2	6.4	15.8
286	163	Lowndes Lmb	163	...	5.8	10.3
5893½	4556½	Marsh McLnn	4700	+50	3.8	...
110	84	Masthead	92	-1		
188	147	Nelson Hurst	175	...	4.0	17.3
106	76	New London Cap	77	...	0.8	...
129½	109	Orion	112	...	5.6	...
99	76½	Premium Trust	83	+1	3.0	...
124	101½	Premium Under	103	+1		
385	271	Prudential	323	+5	5.3	13.9
83	31	PWS	38	...	10.7	...
404	261	Refuge	267	-4	5.4	19.7
350	232½	Royal	308	-1½	3.7	7.8
227	139	Sedgwick	149	+1	5.0	16.9
155	104	Steel Burrill	113	...	9.8	...
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	76	...	4.9	...
478	295	Sun Alliance	341	+4	5.5	9.5
107	81	Syndicate Cap	84	+1½	7.9	...
137	91	Trade Indemnity	90	...	1.9	13.4
464	332	Transatlantic	345	...	4.3	31.2
673	458	Utd Friendly	458	-10	4.7	23.5
245	133	Willis Corroon	142	...	5.8	13.7
28	20	Windsor	24	...	...	18.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
336	280	3i	332	...	2.5	...
106½	78½	Abtrust Emerg	91	+½		
102	86	Abtrust High Inc	88	...	8.0	
250	205	Abtrust N Dawn	224	+1	0.5	...
2058	1700	Alliance	1700	+1	2.4	
293	249	American Trust	253	...	3.6	
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	420	...	2.1	
156	150	Baillie Gifford Sh	155			
215	175	Bankers	185½	...	2.6	
[illegible]	45½	Baring Em Eur	49½	-½	0.7	
381	317	Bering Tricov	335	...	2.5	
240	199	Berry Starq	220	...	1.2	
215	163	Br Assets	165			
120½	91	Br Assets	95	-2	6.1	
88	83	Br Empire Sec	91½	...	1.3	
46	31	Br Empire Wts	37			
234	185	Br Inv	209	+2	2.9	
97	63½	Brazilian	93	...	0.3	
[illegible]	221	Brunner	238	-½	3.8	
161	117	BZW Con	123	...	7.9	
383	310	Candover	338	...	4.3	
65	50	Central Euro Gth	57	+		
271	181	China & Eastern	181	...	2.4	
223	193	Cont Assets	195	...	1.9	
95	81	Dartie Ulw Inc	81	...	12.2	
328	268	Derby Cap	295			
173	147	Derby Inc	160	...	12.0	
100	73	Drayton Blue	75	...	14.0	
191	84	Drayton Eng Intl	82	...	1.1	
156	129	Drayton Far East	145	...	0.6	
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	633	+2	5.2	
108	85	Dunedin Japan	90	-1		
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	305	...	3.7	
80	38	Dunedin Wts	39½			
937	725	Dunedin Wrdw	763			
360	281	Edinburgh	304	-1	2.6	
53½	42½	Edinburgh Inca	51			
132	92½	EFM Dragon	111	+½		
179	139	EFM Japan	168			
354	286	Electra Inv	325	...	2.7	
220	185	Electric Gen	195	...	2.1	
201	169	Eng & Caledon	179	...	1.6	
127	106	English Scot	110½	+		
346	285	European Assets	297	-1	2.0	
174	145	Fidelity Euro Val	155	-1	0.2	
103½	85	Fidelity Jap Val	83			
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	156	...	2.4	
88	73	First Spanish	73	...	0.4	
343	276½	Fleming Amer	283	+1½	0.5	
145	75	Fleming Chinese	82½	+1½	0.8	
267	196	Fleming Clavert	237	...	3.3	
385	302½	Fleming Cont	314	-1	0.9	
364	199	Fleming Emp	204	...	2.3	
459	327	Fleming F East	356	...	0.5	
422	350	Fleming Fledg	352	...	1.1	
120	83	Fleming Hi Inc	96	...	5.6	
109	90	Fleming Indian	95½	+	...	11.7
52½	35	Fleming Inl	39			
284	223	Fleming Japan	259	+1		
347	269½	Fleming Merc	272½	-½	3.1	
347½	280½	Fleming O'seas	290½	-½	1.9	
92	36	Fleming Wts	40	+1		
155½	136½	Foreign & Col	134	-½	1.7	
148	106½	Fgn Eng Mkts	127	-½	0.3	
77	64½	Fgn Enterprise	71	...	1.1	
261	216	Fgn Eurotrust	216	...	0.7	
145	114	Fgn German	119	...	3.5	
374	307	Fgn Pacific	225	...	1.0	
144	116	Fgn PEP	121½	+½	3.6	
192	159½	Fgn Smaller	165½	...	1.5	
120	91	Fgn US Smlr	89	+1		
39½	21½	Fulcrum Cap	25			
54	46	Fulcrum Inc	48	...	22.6	
142½	134½	Fulcrum Zero	137			
213	191	Gartmore Brit	194	...	2.3	
151	124	Gartmore Euro	135	+2	3.9	
130	96	Gartmore Smlr	96	-1	12.5	
128	103	Geared Inc Inv	109	...	9.2	
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	152			
115½	105	Genl Inc	108	-1	10.1	
151	101	Gov Eng Mkt	123	-2	0.3	
191	138	Govett Am Smlr	144	+1		
95½	80	Gov Glob Smlr	86			
112	78	Govett High Inc	82	+1	7.0	
429	349	Govett Oriental	396	+1	0.4	
346	231	Govett Strategic	253	...	3.6	
475	410	Greenfriar	416	...	2.0	
19	19	Gresham House	19			
303	238	GT Japan	245	...	0.6	
155	119	H Govett Smlr Cos	122	...	1.0	
138	113	Henderson Highl	115	...	6.2	
293	257	Henderson Smlr	260	-1	0.6	
105	86	Herald	92			
116	88½	HTR Jap Smaller	106	...	0.5	
27	13	I&S Enr	13	-1		
119	94	I&S UK Smlr	102	+1	3.5	
158	122	Inv Cap	133	+3	4.9	
99	90	Int Biotech	90			
50	30	Int Wts	37			
177	126	INVESCO Korea	152½			
132	88½	J Fry 2nd U	88	...	8.1	
100	94	J Fry Euro U	97	...	6.2	
255	187	JF Fledg Jap	224½			
121	108	Japan Intl Grn	108	...	3.9	
243	195	Kleinwort Chart	202	-½	3.2	
149	115	Klnwt E Mkt	127	+1		
124	105	Klnwt End	109			
88½	75½	Klnwt Euro Pri	77½			
49	23½	Klnwt Euro Wts	26			
116	84	Klnwt H Inc	84	-1	11.2	
272½	226	Klnwt O'seas	234	+1	1.8	
165	128	Klnwt Smlr	129	...	3.0	
201	129½	Latin American	148½	+½		
826	672	Law Debenture	731	+2	3.3	
129	96	Lazard H Inc	99	...	8.1	
97	79	Lloyds Sml Cap	79			
35	29	Lloyds Sml Div	29½	...	15.0	
129	107	Lloyds Sml Pkg	108	...	4.1	
174	141	Lon St Lawrence	156	...	5.0	
247	208	Lon & Strathclyde	210	-1	3.4	
108	83	Lon Smaller Co's	83	...	4.8	
334	285	Lowland	292	...	4.1	
1440½	887½	Lydenburg	1431½	...	1.6	
620	495	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	555	+10		
151	127	M&G 2nd Dual Inc	135	...	22.2	
2773	2440	M&G Dual Cap	2565	+25		
353	285	M&G Dual Inc	290	...	30.3	
77	54	M&G Inc Geared	68½	...	9.0	
34½	29½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	30½			
45	38	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	38½	-½	15.9	
132	117	M&G Inc Package	120	...	5.1	
59	50	M&G Inc Zero Div	52½			
36½	27½	M&G Rec Cap	32			
72½	62	M&G Rec Geared	64½	...	7.4	
37½	32	M&G Rec Inc	32½	...	14.7	
151	129	M&G Rec Package	132	...	3.6	
80½	68	M&G Rec Zero Div	69			
128	99	M Currie Euro	112	...	0.3	
180	133	M Currie Pac	146	...	0.3	
227	190	Majedie	198	...	3.4	
57	44	Manalan	52			
125	98	Merc Wld Mg	105½	-1		
324	237	Merchants	263	+½	5.3	
90	79½	Mercury Euro Pv	83½	+½		
45	38½	Mercury Wts	39½			
52½	35	Mercury Wld Wts	38½			
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	527	...	1.7	
159	123	Morg Gren Inc	132	+1	4.6	
64	43	Morg Wts	48			
111	87	Morg Latn Amer	101½	-1½		
65	39	Morg Wts	58½	-1½		
148	109	Murray Ent▼	114	...	2.2	
68	54	Murray Euro	59	...	0.6	
393	317	Murray Income	333	-1	4.5	
395	319	Murray Intl	334	+½	4.7	
162	153	Murray S/C DP	157½	-½		
174	125	[illegible]	143			
3400	2350	[illegible]				
9400	7500	Perpetual			5.5	
189	164½	Pilot? Cap				
449	425	[illegible]				
1112½	767½	[illegible]				
650½	417	[illegible]				
1735	1515	Second Alliance				
412	310	Temple Bar				
125	102	Temple Bar Zero			5.5	
568	468	Throg Trust				
169½	116	Tops Eng Mkt▼				
225	143	TR Far East				
104½	86	TR Pacific				
226	180	TR Smll Cos				
152	106	TR Tech				
405	150	Updown Inv	134			
265	233	USDC Invest				
125	108½	Value Inc Tst	115			4.7
109	65	Wigmore				
257½	205	Witan				
115	104	Yeoman Inc	106			15.9

LEISURE & HOTELS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
49	25	Aan Ch H	34			
575½	418	Anglian	422	-2	2.7	14.6
46	18	Alc Lec	18			
177	144	Alpha Airport	145	-2	5.4	
48	36	Accalon	40			
131	85	Belhaven	125	...	3.9	19.4
233	267	Barr & W 'A'	257	...	4.4	11.9
250	195½	Bluebird Toys	235	...	5.2	7.0
365	231	Boosey Hawkes	342	+1	1.9	20.2
7½	2½	Brent Walker	3			
200	100	Bristol Scottie	182	...	2.0	
[illegible]	1½	Buckingham Int	2½			
247	114	Chrysalis	235	...	1.7	
94	74	City Centre Rest	74½	-½	3.0	15.1
374	306	Compass Gp	315	...	2.7	18.5
290	232	Eurocamp	260	...	4.6	10.7
213	72	Euro Disney	105	+9		
4	2	Euro Leisure	2			
456	308	Famine Boats	435	...	3.4	30.3
350	245	First Leisure	249	-1	3.3	16.5
295	209½	Forte	233½	-3	4.0	27.6
207	169	Friendly Hotels	175	...	4.0	29.8
79	49	GR Hldgs	55	...	4.1	
598	475	Granada	518	-5	2.2	20.4
96	34	Hi-Tec Sports	41	...	8.5	6.0
216	176	Hornby	180	...	6.2	15.7
173½	142½	Jurys Hotel	157½	-½	4.4	14.1
18½	11½	Kunick	14½			
263	200	London Clubs	250	-1	6.0	12.7
217½	147	Ladbroke	147	-3	3.0	25.9
104	69	Megnolia	69	...	0.2	
702	539	Man Utd	640	-4	4.1	
108½	74½	Mancars Ornd	79½	...	3.9	21.3
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½			
87	34	Northern	61	-1	6.1	10.1
131	81	First Choice	118	...	3.7	
102	65½	The Pelican Gp	92	...	1.5	
141	109	PizzaExpress	119	-1	2.1	18.3
183	121	Prem Leisure	121	...	4.3	8.5
43	26	Quadrant Grp	36	-1		
278	205	Ransdens (H)	259	...	2.2	29.0
447½	355½	Rank Org	394½	-3	4.0	25.3
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels	26½	...	4.9	15.1
1135	750	Savoy Hotel 'A'	938	...	0.5	
92	60½	Scots	78	...	1.9	28.1
350	290	Stanley Leisure	328	...	2.0	18.5
345½	280	Tanjong	280	...	0.7	15.7
1165	959	Thorn EMI	979	+2	4.3	20.0
167	75	Tottenham Hot	129	...	1.0	34.6
153	129	VCI	153	+3	1.7	13.7
143	112	Vardon	123	-3	1.2	21.8
18	5½	Wembley	6			
149	110	Zetters Gp	135	-1	7.9	

MEDIA

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
162	117½	Ltc Gs	135		1.6	22.0
393	328	Leeds Farm	347		2.3	30.2
1042	792	Carlton Comm	876	-2	2.8	19.3
99	71	City of Lon	83		6.6	12.7
1651	1100	Daily Mail	1359½	-6½	1.4	31.8
1484½	1057½	Daily Mail 'A'	971	-9½	1.3	22.8
314	250	Dorling Kndrsly	290		1.4	
460	355	EMAP	370	-1	2.9	22.0
141	120	Emap	115½	-2	3.1	20.0
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1650	-95	3.3	
17½	9	Fitch	12			
485	325	Flextech	460	-1		
1222	775	GWR Gp	586	-2	1.5	35.1
225	170	Gold Greenlees	170	-1	3.9	20.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Goodhead	24			
366	232	Grampian	396		2.8	18.0
172	105	HTV Group	146		1.5	32.6
134	35	Hemingtn	43		2.9	
515	526	Haynes Pub	595		2.8	23.1
408	325	Hodder Hdine	328		2.0	53.4
150	120	Hume Cornt	175		3.6	42.9
345	275	Independent	286		2.6	9.8
257	161	Intl Bus Comm	236		1.9	11.0
162	119	Inter Europ	178		7.6	
172	127	Johnston Press▼	153	-1	1.5	21.5
32	20	Lopex	31		1.5	
112	45	LWT	51	-1		
492	338	Metro Radio	480		2.9	24.9
177	129	Midland Ind	129	-1	5.7	17.7
222	152	Mirror Grp	142		0.9	7.5
421	344	News Int Pf	350		4.7	20.2
253	210	Pearson	257	-1	0.5	16.7
254	242	Pearson Fut	249		0.7	12.2
67	50	Quarry Contact	31		8.4	
725	613	Pearson	634	-20	2.7	21.5
440	290	Phoenix	274	+2		
760	636	Reuters Hldgs	606		2.2	15.0
545	425	Reed Intl	756	-4	2.2	22.8
964	401	Reuters	487	-1	1.8	24.4
178	135	Saatchi	158	-1		30.8
628	395	Scot Radio	578		2.3	32.6
574	345	Scot TV	457		3.6	29.5
45	21½	Select TV	21½			
57	32	Shandwick	45		1.2	6.8
249	182	Southnews	249		1.5	32.6
190	136	Sterling Publ	137	-1	3.3	11.7
152	125	Surrey & Vivect	132		3.5	
40½	29½	Taylor Nelson	37		2.1	22.2
622	370	Telegraph	341	-8	4.8	12.0
685	695	Trinity Corp	715	-10	5.3	35.7
472	376	Trinity Mm	378		3.3	17.4
760	515	Ulster TV	702		2.9	21.8
721	479	Utd Newspapers	511	-1	5.6	12.3
161	115	VTR	128		3.9	20.3
56½	22½	WGD	22		2.9	11.0
129	63½	WPP	110	+1	1.2	15.8
296	150	Yorkshire TV	394			
355	270	Abbott Mead	346		2.7	31.3
255	198	Adscene	205	-2	2.9	20.4
33	17½	Aegis Gp	25½			
11½	5½	Allied Radio	5½			
26	15	BBB Design	15			7.7
225	183	Barbour Index	185		5.8	15.8
13½	6½	Boxtale	7½			
345	320	Black (A&C)	335		5.0	12.1
402	213	Blenheim Gp	245	-2	5.4	9.0
305	133	Border TV	184		2.7	15.4
413	365	Bristol	376		4.1	26.0

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
116	65	Flex Corp	100		3.4	6.6
2550	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3102½		3.0	16.9
3762½	2509½	Ang Am	3684½	+21½	1.9	25.0
7321½	4537½	Ang Am Gold	7046½	-84½	3.8	18.7
36	25	Angio Pac Res	45½			
1512½	1196½	Ashanti	1384½	-45½		
166	124½	Ashton	136	-1	3.8	
404	275	Babcock	284			
481	294½	Beara	441	+2½	2.0	35.1
35	34	Bezern	35		2.4	30.2
162	30½	Blyvoor	148	+¼		
64	30	Bourgainville	43			
37	12½	Bracken	19½		4.6	
899	587½	Buffels	699½	-19½	7.7	
6	2½	Bute	2½			
968	745½	CRA	250	-3	2.5	27.1
77	45	Central Pacific	55			
55½	36	Cluff Res	42½	-½		
143	28½	Coal Inv	106	+1		
300	65	Cons Murchison	245		2.5	
1750	1318½	De Beers	1518½	+6½	3.4	16.1
149	88	Deelkraal	118½	+5	3.0	16.4
101½	30½	Doornfontein	75½	+		
1032½	775½	Driefontein	991	-21½	4.3	14.6
941½	549½	Durban	940½	+5½		
203½	102	E Rand Gold	181	+10½	11.2	5.9
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	83½	+		
75	48	Eastern Trans	65		3.9	13.9
513	300	Elandsrand	464½	+2½	3.4	10.6
347½	320	Eng China Cly	358		5.7	17.2
1239	741½	FS Cons	1010½	-5½	5.7	12.6
82	22	FS Dev	70		1.8	
1975	1193½	GFSA	1881½		2.0	28.2
80½	32½	GM Kalgoorli	55	-1	2.5	30.7
233½	108½	Gencor	227	-1½	1.2	38.5
128	75	Gold Fields Prop▼	118		7.8	
157	83	Gopeng	101	+2	0.3	
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	19½			
202	105½	Grootvlei	165½	+1	5.7	8.8
91½	57	Gwalia Cons	68½	-1½	1.1	10.9
680½	319½	Harmony	611½	+9½		
430	268½	Hartes	330½	+13	8.6	9.7
1531½	831½	Impala Plat	1518½	-9½	1.6	47.3
230	122	Kinross	160		7.5	14.4
1315½	880½	Kinross	1134½	+6½	4.2	15.8
1094½	568½	Kloof	1064½	-5½	3.0	11.2
137	69½	Leslie	118½	+5	9.0	7.0
368½	176½	Loraine	292½	+1½		
30	17	Meekatharra	21			
2½	3	Mlengura	3			
162	118	MIM	132	-2	1.8	
1762½	1606½	Minorco	1643½	-25	2.2	
324	158	Mosarch	164	+2		
202½	96	NSM	99			11.4
201½	146½	Nth Bkn Hill	166	-1	3.1	24.9
34	15	Oryx Gold	94			
101	65	Pancontinenti	83			
463	260	Peko-Wal Tin	280	+10	0.5	
199	122½	Placer Pac	179	+1		
9½	4½	Premier Land	5½			
425	317	RIB	348		4.4	16.8
905	790	RTZ	348	-4	3.1	24.2
49	34	Rackwood	34	-1		
600	187½	Rand Mines	600		1.9	
840½	547½	Randfontein	664½	+9½	7.4	8.4
295	207	Renison	227	-3		
1809½	1078½	Rustenburg	1693½	+9½	1.7	
112	72	St Barbara	72	-1		
756	539½	St Helena	684	+4	6.4	
560	390	Sons Gaoba	505	+5	4.6	16.7
30	16	Sthern Pacific	21	-2		
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	1871½	+9½	4.6	21.8
5	1	Stratmin	1½			
143	73	Sulfonen	102½	+½	20.7	3.5
261½	90	Unisel	217½	+1½	2.7	16.8
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	6251½	-40½	4.0	10.4
23	7½	Wankie Col Z	15½		8.0	3.7
545	450	Watts Blake	535		2.9	20.1
1213½	508½	Western Areas	1158½	+14½	6.1	10.9
3575	2050	Western Deep	3162½	-12½	3.2	11.0
398	300½	Western Mng	383	+5	1.0	60.5
1155	603½	Winkelhk	956½	+12½	4.9	13.5
66	47	Zambia Copper	48			
68	48	Zandpan	61		8.1	12.3

OIL & GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
40	24½	Aran Energy	39			23.6
53	35	Arcon Intl	41			
74½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	62			
68	43	Anca Pet	60			
249	197	Br Borneo	213		4.3	10.0
358	253	British Gas	291½	-2	6.2	
437½	340	Br Petroleum	427½	-2	2.8	23.3
4	1½	Buts Resources				
919	811	Burmah Castrol	870	-1	4.0	17.3
84	56	Cairn Energy	81			44.6
375	258	Calor Gp	298	+1	5.4	14.7
51	33	Clyde Pet	40	+1	1.1	
30	12½	Coplex Res	12½			
2½	1½	Dragon Oil▲	1½			
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs	22			23.7
486	370	Enterprise	385		5.2	
29½	21	Fairhaven Intl	22½		5.4	9.2
303	263	Fingas	285		3.0	11.8
8½	4½	Fortune	5½			
77	54	Goal Pet	66		2.7	21.9
47	31	Gt Western Res	44			
177	137	Hardy O & G	155		0.8	19.8
55	40	Kelt Energy	50½	+½	3.3	
169	110½	Lasmo	145½	-2	0.9	
73	50	Lasmo Units	52		18.8	
75	55	Monument	69			73.7
7½	3½	New London	4			
2540½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2415½	+56½	1.4	
9½	3½	Oceonics	4			
50	36	Oil Search	40			
50½	17½	Petroz	39	+½		
168	148	Pict Pet	148			
32½	21½	Premier	27½			14.9
158	113	Presidio	113		5.9	
111	85	Provenzell Rs	90			
282	129	Ramco Egy	215	-1	0.3	
463	325	Ranger	393	+3	5.1	
7700	6681½	Royal Dtch Fl	6990½	+9½	4.5	18.4
4084½	3221½	Schlumberger	3575	+21½	2.1	
68	45	Scott Pickford	55		2.0	
67	50	Seafield	66			
758	651	Shell	720½	+1½	4.3	21.8
187	128	Sunrise Eng Sv	128			
19	9½	Villers Grp ©	11			
237	178½	Woodside	220	-2	1.7	
110	28	YCL	78	-1		

OTHER FINANCIAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	79	BWD	94		5.6	7.7
126	96	Baltic Plc	124		2.0	7.8
185	83	Berry Bch (Bd)	83		7.7	10.9
154	124	Brown Dolphin	131	-3	6.5	9.7
757	525	Caledonia	575	-2	3.0	16.7
2650	1900	Cattelin	2275		1.7	6.4
37	13½	Cattle	23		1.4	
620½	449	Close Aren	512	-2	6.6	10.6
174½	125	Cattles▼	134		4.5	15.0
20½	7½	Cattell Cons	22½	-½		
85	40	Cordia	40			
80	63	Charters	75		4.4	
71½	45½	EFT Group	56	+1½	3.9	11.8
720	513	Eftix	775		4.1	21.8
212	115	Ecn	115	-3	6.0	9.5
225	157	Exmore	174		2.8	20.1
515	395	Gerald Ltd	495	+15	6.5	10.2
465	353	Grant	362		5.0	6.1
1306	845	Henderson Ad	955	+2	5.8	16.3
251½	151	Inacto	164	+2	2.9	26.9
250	185	Ivory Sime	235		3.9	18.5
317	214½	Jardine Strat	232½	-1½	3.3	10.2
426	150	Johnson Fry	158	-1	1.2	
171	105	King Shaxson	112		10.0	11.1
245	138	Lon Forfaing	165		7.5	9.7
119	95	Lon Scot Bk	113	-1	3.5	17.2
1243	734	M & G	803		3.6	20.2
323	215	MMT	226	-10	4.3	12.3
117½	88½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	92½			
770	538	Mfsa	618	-5	4.6	14.4
25½	8½	Nat Home Loan	16½			0.5
1265	970	Perpetual	1165		2.5	16.2
673	415	Provident	535	-4	4.1	17.0
345	247	Rathbone Br	260		4.1	12.9
29	21½	Rutlase Tst	21		4.2	13.7
369	281½	S & U	319	-1	4.3	10.4
425	167	Saraswa	196		5.2	7.3
128	116	SIP Capital	126		3.0	7.8
496	324	Smith New Ct	334		3.7	2.8
604	431	Smith Pacic 'A'	563	+4	2.0	
224	135	Tower Lan	133		4.2	11.5
65	25	Trio Hldgs	29		6.5	13.2
199	98	Union	99		5.7	9.1
31	20	Western Sedan	25		1.2	

PHARMACEUTICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615	311½	Brit Biotech	590			
488	393	Cantab Pharma	395			
233	191	Celltech	222	+1		
151	68	Chiroscience	95	-3		
47	40½	Cortecs	47			
152	107	Fisons	112	+½	2.9	
725	620	Glaxo	606	+½	5.6	14.7
165	95½	Gramplon Hogs	101	+2	6.6	18.7
187	120	Medeva	173	-4	2.1	13.9
3	1½	Premier Health	1½			
330	227	Quality Care	255		2.2	14.8
295	242	Scotia	265			
93	44	Shield Diag	60			
465½	357½	SmithKline	412	+2	3.8	15.9
421	322	SmithKline Ut	376	+1	4.1	14.5
731	498	Wellcome	644	-2	2.4	14.6
669	672	Zeneca	866		4.0	17.4

PRINTING & PAPER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
164	134	AG Holdings	134	-3	4.9	12.1
444	349	API	349	-5	3.1	21.9
316	237	Arjo Wiggins	267½	-5½	3.0	40.3
205	145	Aspen Comm	165		3.2	18.8
472	363	Bemrose	364		4.2	13.0
171	97	Baydon	116		1.5	54.3
524	409	Bowater	446	-1	3.7	16.7
1565½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1584½	+9½		
297	246	Bunzl Polt	273	-1	1.9	16.6
515	435	Br Polyheet	457		2.4	16.0
176	41	Br Thornton	41		18.3	5.6
189½	128	Buxton Grp▼	128	-1	3.4	18.8
186	139	Bunzl	161	+1	3.2	18.9
195	129	Capital Inds	160		3.5	12.5
246½	1890½	Carnaud Mt	2225	+46½	2.1	17.3
459	297	Cropper (James)	297		1.5	14.9
1021	825	De La Rue	994		2.5	21.2
114	78	Delyn Group	83		3.5	15.1
157	103	Dolphin Pack	103		5.5	13.2
101	75	Fairway Group	84		5.1	15.7
430	302	Ferguson Intl	334	-8	4.8	14.2
145	121	Ferry Pick	121		5.9	
30	5	Huntleigh	3			
230	153	Inveresk	153		4.1	9.2
283	248	Jarvis Porter	283		2.4	20.2
439	364	Low & Bonar	415		3.1	16.6
70	45	MY Holdings	58		3.5	
271	223	Macfarlane	269		1.9	21.7
250	172	Photo	172		5.1	24.6
820	513	Portals	703		3.0	18.9
412	314	Dl Inc Gp	326	-4	2.5	17.7
1111	464½	Sappi	1080½	-9½	0.5	
30½	14½	Sand	18½			
361½	192	Saltara▲	205	+1	6.7	10.2
573	398	Smith David	508	+5	2.6	22.7
430½	274½	Smurfit (Jeff)▲	359		1.5	51.0
119	82	Somac	82		3.8	8.8
45	18½	Unit Group	35			
270	209	Waco	240	-4	2.1	15.3
291	209	Waddington (J)	223		4.8	10.9
410	365	Wainright	386		2.2	24.4
132	98	Wyndeham	131	+1	2.1	19.0

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
130	94	Allied Lond	96		5.1	12.3
276	253	Argent	262			
144	109	Asdal	117		2.4	20.8
382½	238	Ballom	248	+1	4.9	18.0
283	243	Bilby	243	-1	3.1	17.9
39½	15½	Bolton Gp	19	+1		
108	72	Bourne End	80		1.2	
276	188	Bradford	181	+1	4.8	12.5
137	103	Brightstone	107		4.4	24.2
474	360	Br Land	398	+1	2.4	34.9
276	177	Brixton	191	+5	5.3	17.0
118	88	Burford	91½	+	2.2	29.7
112	98	CLS Hldgs	99		6.2	
207½	125½	Cap & Regntl	140	+1	1.4	31.7
229	198	Cap Shop Ctr	207	+3	3.9	49.8
325	218	Cardiff Prop	218	-5	1.4	48.8
66	33	Camoy Intl	29			
185	152	Chelsfield	159		1.9	54.0
678	487	Chesterfield	489		2.2	21.7
112	88	Cincleton Ind	93		4.4	13.1
84	36	City Site Ests	63			
12½	6½	Clarke Nickolls	7		1.8	14.6
87½	71½	Compco	77½		6.3	
56	30	Conrad Rolef 65	32		2.0	28.0
1755	1293	Daejan	1300		2.8	15.2
29½	5	Dares Estates	8½			
17	4	De Morgan	4			
156	98½	Debenham Twen	103		4.2	16.7
189	161	Dencora	164		2.5	46.1
347½	244	Derwent Hldgs	244		2.4	21.8
41	21	Development Sect	21½		0.6	
51	45	Dwyer	46			
53	25	Eleco	31			
480	275	Estates Agency	325		4.0	39.3
43	18	Estates Gen	24			
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	103		3.1	18.0
43½	24	Ex-Lands	27½		1.9	
80	64	Fiscal Propt	65		1.3	
31	23½	Five Oaks	24		1.8	
78	45	Fletcher King	45		4.2	22.3
51	38	Folkes Group	44		4.3	
51	36	Folkes Group nvt	41		4.6	23.3
536	407	Frogmore	432		4.9	15.6
325	228	Grainger	244			
260	174	Gt Portland	187	-2	5.3	35.6
128½	118	Greycoat	119½			
94	39	Hampro Cntyw	40		0.7	45.7
435	311	Hammerson	345	+7	3.6	34.6
390	298	Haslemere? Ests	315	+1	2.4	11.3
40½	29	Hemingway	30½		1.6	52.4
78	24	Herring Baker	26		4.8	
75	46	High-Point	46		1.4	
269	144½	HK Land	157½	-1	3.9	
311½	136½	Jermyn▲	147			73.6
792	588	Land Sec	620		4.8	17.6
16	6	Lon & Metro	6			0.3
132	86	Lon Merch Sec	99	-1	5.3	14.6
562	409	MEPC	426	-2	5.9	24.5
13½	6	Mcinerney A	7½			
190	164	McKay Sec	181		3.6	17.9
85	59	Mernide Mnrt	67		3.7	10.3
55	27	Moorfield Est	34		3.7	
1425	1159½	Mountview	1159½		2.4	11.5
196	144	Muckow (A&J)	145	-1	5.4	19.3
2½	1	ORB				
64	33	Olives Prop	33			12.3
191	145	PSIT	145	-1	4.0	20.5
399	225	Peel	237		2.4	
162	142	Pullar Prop	148		3.1	
12½	3	Power Corp	3			
77	56	RPS Group	68		4.8	12.3
53	31½	Raglan	34			12.5
40	23½	Regalian	26	+1½		9.9
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	165		1.4	10.5
134	106	Rugby Est	107		3.6	
64	45	St Modwen Prp	51½		2.9	12.8
78	59	Saville Gdn (J)	66		5.1	19.2
100	57	Savills	58		4.8	9.4
108	76	Scot Met	77		3.3	8.8
61	48	Secure Retire	48	-2		
135	94	Shaftesbury	94	-1		
307	219	Slough Estates	232	+3	4.4	49.6
103	56	Southend Prop	59		5.1	
139	103	Speclty Shops	104		2.9	
50	10	Stanhope Prpc	16			
39	34	TBI	35½	+		1.9
244	167	Tops Ests	168		1.6	40.0
162	116	Town Centre	123		3.9	
107	86	Trafford Park	88		4.5	
29½	15	Trenchenwood	18			
58	28	UK Land	45			
317	214	Warner	214		6.5	20.6
260	218	Warnford	224		4.4	18.3
7½	1½	Waterglade	2			
103½	63	Wates	66			
45	29	Wessey Mct	38			
105	69	Wood John D	71		3.5	
30	16	YRM	16			

RETAILERS, FOOD

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
68	50½	ASDA Group	63	-¼	3.5	14.5
315	222½	Argyll	265	-3	5.4	11.6
505	413	Blake Bros	431		2.1	15.4
43	24	Budgen	25		5.0	15.9
17	11½	Cullens	14			
137	78½	Dairy Farm Intl	87½	+½	4.3	11.6
394	344	Farepak	345		2.4	19.6
60	37	Fitzwilton	41		11.3	
108	87	Fyffes	106		1.7	18.0
371	189	Geest	192		5.4	
1078	653	Greggs	1048		2.3	19.7
355	325	Greencore	386	+1	3.2	11.6
211	133	Iceland Group	164	-1	3.0	10.2
666	533	Kwik Save	650	-5	4.5	9.4
378	138	Low (Wm)	364		2.9	12.1
18	9	Meadford Retail	9½			
149	99	Morrison (Wm)	134	-1	1.8	15.6
232	167	Nurdin Peack	167		4.9	9.3
146	89½	Park Foods	119		2.5	24.1
5¼	1½	Regina Hm	1½			
480	342	Sainsbury J	413		3.3	14.5
255	200½	Tesco	234	-2	4.3	11.7
198	162	Thorntons	177		3.3	14.5
422	279	Watson & Philip	380	-3	4.8	15.4

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	25	Alexon	36			
248	203	Alders	217		3.5	16.2
410	307	Argos Plct	335	+5	3.1	17.6
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	75	+3	0.2	
357	134	Asprey	157	+1	4.8	7.8
246	176	Austin Reed	239		2.9	12.0
168	134	Beattie (J) 'A'	134		5.8	17.5
150	110	Beatsal	124		3.0	43.0
165	36	Bentermore	52		6.8	5.5
48	29	Blacks Lns	37	+2	9.0	
264	195½	Body Shop	215		1.2	19.8
601	497	Boots	513	-6	3.8	16.2
12½	2½	Brown & Jacson	2½			
263	210	Brown (N)	228		2.3	20.3
74½	51	Burton	65½	+1	3.8	
245	153	Cantorsl	153		3.3	
334	220	Carpetright	255		3.1	18.9
246	152	Charles Int	158		1.6	27.9
520	388	Church	485		3.4	24.7
171	96	Clinton Cards	101		5.8	14.1
170	81	City Cusals	93	+1	5.9	26.3
903	720	Courts Furnsh	735		1.0	37.4
210	155	Crown Eye	165		1.2	
353	245	DFS Furniture	258		3.6	
297	170	Dauns Grp	191	-2½	4.3	20.3
550	530	Ebs (Cmpbtl)	580		3.8	

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
663	540	Allied Domecq	598	-7	4.6	14.6
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	386	-2	2.5	22.2
130	105	Burn Stewart	119		5.3	26.2
506	375	Grand Met	411	-4	4.0	17.9
542	428	Guinness	467	-4	3.5	15.4
457	353	Highland Dist	418		2.2	18.2
252	127	Macallan-Glenl	215		0.7	56.3
695	365	Macdon Mrtn 'A'	675		1.8	23.1
614	517	Matthew Clark▲	520	-3	4.3	12.2
250	112	Merydon W	113		2.8	
190	142	Tanton Cider	152	-1	5.4	11.6

SUPPORT SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
182	96	ACT Group	39	+3	6.6	9.3
740	583	ADT	710			
46	34	Alphameric	42			32.0
140	69	Auto Sec	74	+1		9.6
162	99	BET Ord	112½	-3	3.9	13.5
195	115	BNB Rest	184		3.4	27.5
256	175	BPP	213		5.2	15.2
186	133	BSM	138		5.8	11.7
7½	4	Black & Edg	4			
1100	637½	Borland	650			
226	159	Bns Data Mgt	130		3.8	
79	57	Brooke Service	64		3.4	
117½	87	CRT Go▼	88	-½	4.6	21.6
238	158	Capita Group	159		2.2	30.3
423	292	Chubb Sec	329	-1	2.4	20.3
325	105	Comput People▼	325		1.4	51.2
65	41	Corp Services	58		0.5	22.2
97	49	Cours Croig	52		1.0	
276	212	Davis Service	225		4.5	15.1
83	66	Dudley Jenme	67		6.1	14.8
154	95	EW Facty	96		6.4	7.2
199½	135	El Data Fic	138		1.7	12.2
289	209½	Hays	295	-5	2.6	20.1
280	161	Hogg Robinson	211	-1	4.2	14.8
33	18	Holmes Protecn	25	+2		1.5
15	8	Int Cm & Data	11			
2696½	1684½	ISS B Dkr	1687½		6.2	1.8
165	136	JBA Hldgs	136		2.2	13.8
414	250	Johnson Clean	252	-1	5.4	10.2
145	99	Kalamazoo	120		3.4	13.6
298	221	Kewill Sys	253		2.5	11.9
35	19	Laser-Scan	20			
139½	68	LBMS	99			
8	4	Lep	4½			
321	266	Logical	295	+1	2.1	
155	96	MDC	115	+1	6.8	8.0
188	143	MMT Comp	185	+4	3.6	
216	110	MR Data Mngt	123	-3	5.6	
723	423	Macro 4	438		5.7	12.3
1865½	1156½	Manpower	1787½	+9½	0.7	
1120	790	Micro Focus	863	+3		10.4
178	114	Microgen	114		7.9	11.4
548½	424	Misys	424		2.4	
194	141½	Mise Gp	189		1.5	22.1
35	24	Novo Group▼	24	-1	1.0	
36	24	OIS Intl	24		9.9	4.5
84	60	P & P	69		3.9	17.1
115	65	Michael Page	105		2.7	25.8
143	90	Parity▼	135	-1	2.1	35.3
235	160	Pegasus	160		3.9	16.1
115	83	Penna	84		6.0	
89½	60½	Proudfoot	63		6.9	10.8
415	290	RCO	310		6.1	10.7
48	27	Radius	38		1.2	
169	73	Real Time	157	+1	3.2	11.9
177	104	Reed Executive	159		0.8	
183	105	Reliance Sec	155		3.8	
279	199½	Rentokil	230		1.6	23.7
194	138	Ricardo Group	145		5.2	17.6
195	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	187		2.7	29.1
810	507	Sage Gp	678	+22	2.0	
392	243	Salvesen (C)	278	+8	3.6	14.5
94	77½	Sanderson Elec	80		4.5	
17½	9	Select App	14			
438	310	Serna Gp	433		1.0	26.1
307	243	Serco Gp	291	-2	7.5	36.5
130	75	Sherwd Comp	93			
130	83	Shirchley	98	-1	4.1	15.3
234	182	Stat-Plus	184		6.2	17.5
146	100	Unislon	106			
31	20½	Vasec	21		2.4	11.4
65	37	WSP Hldgs	51	-2	4.7	29.9
358	225	Warner Howet	325	-2	2.8	15.4

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
486	353½	BT	395	-2½	5.3	13.8
543	381	Cable Wireless	407	-3	2.5	17.3
1543	1146	Securicor	1435		0.3	35.5
1069	785	Securicor 'A'	936		0.4	29.2
892	606	Security Serv	756		1.0	33.9
220	157	Vodafone	209½	-½	1.7	27.4

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
138	84	Albion	86		5.8	4.2
230	147	Alendra Wt	148		4.9	15.8
617	488	Allied Text	498		3.3	15.3
169	90	Allons	96		10.5	30.5
45	31	Automagic	32			
270	216	Baird (Wm)	217		5.2	18.2
71	38	Beckman (A)	39		11.5	
290	233	Black (Peter)	259		2.2	18.6
109	74	Bridport-Gndry	107		3.6	
226	171	Br Mohair	197		5.4	20.2
74	20	Carrigan	20	-1		
104	80	Cassidy Bros	85		4.0	10.9
178	163	Cramb Phipps	178		5.1	23.4
385	292	Claremont Gar	316		3.0	17.6
287	190	Coats Viyella	195	-½	5.4	16.6
593	451	Courtauld Text	476	+6	3.8	21.4
159½	119	Dawson	132	+1	2.8	
143	97½	Dewhirst (IJ)	125		1.7	17.6
52	32	Dobie Heelt	34	+1	5.1	10.0
42	28	Drummond	38			12.5
25	15	Emel	17			
80	72	Fasset	74		8.3	12.5
155	136	Formanes	148		3.7	
29	18	Foster (John)	19			
126	94	French (Thomas)	96		4.8	18.8
78	48	Gent SR	70		4.0	
113	73	Haggart	86		4.4	
70½	11½	Hartstone	12½	+1½	3.2	
33	25½	Helene Plct	27½		9.1	11.3
260	222	Hicking Pnscst	231		2.5	16.4
91	64	Honeysuckle	69		4.5	10.1
90	48	Horace Small	89			
211	173	Jacques Vert	188		3.0	16.6
73	55	Jerome (S)	60		1.7	7.6
388	268	Jones Stroud	345		3.3	16.5
202½	132	Lambert	134		6.4	12.7
486	333	Lamont	358		4.4	11.9
340	365	Leeds	380		2.7	14.3
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	66		7.6	13.9
101	68	Lyles (S)	81	+1	5.6	8.2
26½	18½	Marling	25		3.3	44.8
17	11	PEX	12			
266	171	Parkland	172		3.6	10.2
123	84	Pentland	98	+1	3.0	19.6
75	53	Pittards	67		3.3	
112	77	Readicut	77	-½	5.6	13.2
90	72	Rexmore	76		4.7	7.6
96	43	Richards	44		8.5	
70	46	SEET	51			
180	88	Sherwood Gpt	89		4.3	8.8
180	137½	Shiloh	152	+1	2.9	10.0
146	98	Sirdar	98		6.9	14.2
64	50	Stirling Gp	58		4.1	16.0
26	19	Strong & Fisher	20		6.2	13.7
69	47	UK Safety	47	-1	6.9	11.5
132	105	Usher (Frank)	120		7.3	9.1
44	34	Vinal	40		3.9	10.4
108	42	Wearsom	105		3.4	15.3
289	239	Yorklyde	259		3.0	12.5

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
83	58	Air London	64		6.8	
777½	619½	All Nippon Ai	715½	-½	0.3	
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	275	-1	2.2	21.9
541½	440	BAA	517	-5	2.2	22.0
128	103½	Badgerline	119		4.3	
496½	344	Br Airways	362	-4½	3.8	11.4
108	75	Clarkson (H)	94		2.3	23.6
179	140	Dart	167		2.8	17.8
592½	195	Eurotunnel Uts	231	+2		
87	50	Fisher (James)	50			
508	405	Forth Ports	433		2.2	20.2
209	125	Goode Durant	189		4.8	14.8
155	126½	Hld Steam	139		4.0	10.6
66	39	Jacobs (J)	64	+1	3.2	
111	87	Lon Offsea Fris	87		5.4	2.1
534	380	Mersey Docks	381		3.1	16.5
252	157	NFC	180	-2	4.9	37.7
347	245	Natl Express	308		3.1	17.8
343	244	Ocean Group	246	-1	7.3	12.4
91	58	Ocean Wilsons	60		8.7	7.7
743	587	P & O Dfd	639	-2	6.0	19.8
205	153	P & O 5½%	205	+1	3.4	
102	84	Seacon	96		3.1	21.6
218	158	Stagecoach	216		2.4	21.5
131	85½	TNT	110	+1		
915	703	Tiber & Bridnt	740		2.5	19.0
79	27	Tranco	56			
327	197	TDG	215		5.5	14.4
136	98	Ugland	121	-3	0.8	
160	95	Utd Carriers	102	-1	3.0	

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	545	-1	5.2	14.3
365	293	Mid Kent Hldgs	325		4.4	11.0
611	454	North West	553		5.1	2.4
751	509	Northumbrian	716	-2	4.2	7.7
645	457	Severn Trent	573	-1	4.9	8.1
1755	1535	South Staffs	1740		3.7	11.5
675	494	South West	512	-2	6.3	7.5
682	466	Southern	611	-5	4.7	8.9
611	434½	Thames	525	-2	5.6	7.8
744	548	Welsh	654	-1	4.9	7.3
379½	275½	Wessex	339	-1	9.2	4.2
630	458	Yorkshire	582		5.2	8.1

Source: Fwost

♦ USM, ■ Price at suspension, † Ex dividend, ‡ Ex scrip, ▲ Ex rights issue, ▼ Ex all, § Ex capital distribution. Figures in [illegible]. Companies in bold are constituents of the FT-SE 100 Index.

BRITISH FUNDS

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
103⅞	100⅞	Treas 9% 1994	100⁵⁄₃₂ †		8.99	
107⅞	101¼	Treas 12% 1995	101¼		11.84	5.57
98⅞	97⅛	Gas 3% 1990-95	99⅞		3.04	5.70
107⅞	102⅞	Exch 10¼% 1995	102⅞	-⅛	9.98	6.38
113¾	105⅞	Treas 12¾% 1995	106 †	+⅛	12.03	6.65
117⅞	107⅞	Treas 14% 1996	108⅞	-⅛	12.95	6.86
121⅞	110⅞	Treas 15¼% 1996	111⅞	+⅛	13.71	7.20
117⅞	108⅞	Exch 13¼% 1996	108⅞ †	+⅛	12.21	7.30
112⅞	103⅞	Conv 10% 1996	104⅞ †	-⅛	9.59	7.72
121⅞	110⅞	Treas 13¼% 1997	110⅞	+⅛	11.97	7.89
114⅞	104⅞	Exch 10½% 1997	105⅞	+⅛	9.97	7.91
110⅞	100⅞	Treas 8¾% 1997	101⅞	+⅛	8.62	8.14
131⅞	116⅞	Exch 15% 1997	117⅞	+⅛	12.76	8.25
114⅞	102⅞	Exch 9¾% 1998	103⅞	-⅛	9.29	8.37
106⅞	95⅞	Treas 7¼% 1998	96⅞	-⅛	7.48	8.36
102	93⅞	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95⅞	-⅛	7.09	8.36
131⅞	115⅞	Treas 14% 1998-01	116⅞ †	-⅛	12.01	8.53
140⅞	122	Treas 15½% 1998	122⅞	-⅛	12.59	8.44
125⅞	110⅞	Exch 12% 1998	111⅞ †	+⅛	10.76	8.52
116⅞	101⅞	Treas 9½% 1999	103⅞	-⅛	9.13	8.54
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
126⅞	111⅞	Exch 12¼% 1999	112⅞	-⅛	10.83	8.63
121⅞	105⅞	Treas 10½% 1999	107⅞ †	-⅛	9.79	8.58
101⅞	89⅞	Treas 6% 1999	90⅞	+⅛	6.63	8.52
121⅞	104⅞	Conv 10¼% 1999	105⅞ †	-⅛	9.62	8.64
116⅞	98⅞	Conv 9% 2000	101⅞	-⅛	8.84	8.61
136⅞	116⅞	Treas 13% 2000	118⅞	-⅛	10.94	8.76
122⅞	103⅞	Treas 10% 2001	105⅞	-⅛	9.45	8.76
108⅞	88⅞	Treas 7% 2001	91⅞	-⅛	7.66	8.59
123⅞	102⅞	Treas 9¾% 2002	105⅞	-⅛	9.26	8.62
113⅞	92⅞	Treas 8% 2003	95⅞ †	-⅛	8.35	8.74
127⅞	104⅞	Treas 10% 2003	107⅞	-⅛	9.31	8.80
129⅞	109⅞	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112⅞	-⅛	10.25	9.04
88⅞	69⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	73⅞	+1⅞	4.75	7.45
125⅞	101⅞	Conv 9½% 2004	105	-⅛	9.05	8.76
105⅞	84⅞	Treas 6¾% 2004	87⅞ †	-⅛	7.71	8.86
125⅞	102⅞	Conv 9½% 2005	105⅞	+⅛	9.01	8.73
145⅞	118⅞	Treas 12½% 2003-05	121⅞ †	-⅛	10.31	9.03
112⅞	90⅞	Treas 7¾% 2006	93⅞	-⅛	8.28	8.63
111⅞	91⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	94⅞	-⅛	8.49	8.70
136⅞	112⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115⅞	+⅛	10.17	9.04
119⅞	95⅞	Treas 8½% 2007	99⅞	-⅛	8.57	8.62
151⅞	125⅞	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127⅞	+⅛	10.55	9.05
124⅞	99⅞	Treas 9% 2008	103⅞	+⅛	8.71	8.61
LONGS (over 15 years)						
115⅞	91⅞	Treas 8% 2009	95⅞	+⅛	8.41	8.60
126⅞	100⅞	Conv 9% 2011	103⅞	-⅛	8.66	8.57
127⅞	100⅞	Treas 9% 2012	104⅞	-⅛	8.64	8.55
93⅞	71⅞	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74⅞	+⅛	7.41	8.32
117⅞	92	Treas 8% 2013	95⅞	-⅛	8.37	8.50
112⅞	89⅞	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92⅞	-⅛	8.38	8.50
126⅞	99⅞	Treas 8½% 2017	102⅞	-⅛	8.51	8.49
159⅞	126⅞	Exch 12% 2013-17	130⅞	-⅛	9.20	8.72
UNDATED						
54⅞	39⅞	War Ln 3½%	41⅞ †	+⅛	8.46	
37⅞	27⅞	Treas 2½%	28⅞	-⅛	8.76	
INDEX-LINKED						
203⅞	197⅞	Treas IL 2% 1996	200	-⅛	2.03	4.19
113⅞	106⅞	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107⅞	-⅛	2.91	3.72
176⅞	163⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165⅞	-⅛	3.44	3.85
173⅞	158⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161⅞ xd	-⅛	3.54	3.87
118⅞	107⅞	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108⅞	-⅛	3.56	3.87
185⅞	165⅞	Treas IL 2% 2006	168⅞	-⅛	3.60	3.84
168⅞	149⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152⅞ †	-⅛	3.64	3.88
175⅞	154⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157⅞	-⅛	3.67	3.86
146⅞	126⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129⅞	-⅛	3.68	3.86
157⅞	134⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138⅞	-⅛	3.71	3.87
153⅞	128⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132⅞	-⅛	3.74	3.88
129⅞	106⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110⅞	-⅛	3.72	3.85
126⅞	105⅞	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109⅞	-⅛	3.75	3.89

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Pleat and Francis travel with other matters in mind

By Russell Kempson

DAVID Pleat takes his Luton Town side to Wolverhampton Wanderers today, in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, and Gerry Francis supervises Queens Park Rangers at Newcastle United, in the FA Carling Premiership. Trying to outwit tactically the leaders of the respective leagues will dominate their thinking for 90 minutes, but, when the matches end, more personal thoughts will envelop them. Come next weekend, Pleat and Francis could be inhabiting pastures new.

Pleat spoke with Alan Sugar, the chairman of Tottenham Hotspur, yesterday regarding his prospective return to White Hart Lane. Sugar, having dismissed Osvaldo Ardiles, the Tottenham manager, on Monday is seeking to restructure his backroom staff at the Premiership club. He envisages Pleat in a general manager's role, with Steve Perryman, the caretaker manager, moving back to coaching duties and perhaps a team manager being brought in to form a closely-working triumvirate.

After a two-hour discussion, Pleat, 49, said: "I have some thinking time now. There's a lot to be thought about and considered. Mr Sugar has some very interesting ideas about how he feels his club should go. I listened and was fascinated."

Sugar said: "We had a very healthy discussion. This is obviously a big decision for Tottenham and for David and, like all sensible career moves, both parties need time to consider the proposition."

Francis travels to St James' Park ever mindful of his meeting with Peter Ellis, the Rangers chairman, and Richard Thompson, the owner, on Monday. Francis resigned from Loftus Road on Thursday, angry at the possibility of Rodney Marsh, the former Rangers player, becoming the club's chief executive. Although Rangers refused to accept Francis's resignation and withdrew the offer to Marsh, Francis has yet to confirm his future. "I have no wish to add anything further at this stage," he said.

After the exits of Newcastle and Aston Villa from the Uefa Cup, and Manchester United's 4-0 battering in the European Cup Champions' League in Barcelona, Arsenal and Chelsea at least salavaged a smidgen of English pride by reaching the quarter-finals of the Cup Winners' Cup on Thursday. Both survived intense late pressure, with Arsenal, the holders, edging out Brondby, of Denmark, 4-3 on aggregate, after a 2-2 draw at Highbury, and Chelsea sneaking past FK Austria on the away goals rule, after a 1-1 draw in Vienna.

Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, believes Glenn Hoddle's side, injuries permitting, is on the verge of big things: "This was a very important result," he said. "When we play again in March, we will be playing the big boys. Hopefully, by then, we will have demonstrated we are one of the big boys."

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, is more concerned with reality, the scrappy result against Brondby only re-emphasising his need to strengthen a jaded squad: "I will buy only top quality," he said. "In the summer, I wanted to bring in three or four new faces. It didn't work out but, believe me, I'm still looking." The last-eight draw takes place on December 14 and, with the competition now unseeded, Chelsea and Arsenal could meet. FC Porto, of Portugal, led by Bobby Robson, the former England manager, also remain, with Auxerre, of France, Sampdoria, of Italy, FC Bruges, Real Zaragoza and Feyenoord.

UEFA CUP: Third round: Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) v GKS Katowice (Pol). Deportivo La Coruña (Sp) v Borussia Dortmund (Ger): Trabzonspor (Tur) v Lazio (It); Juventus (It) v Admira Wacker (Austria). Nantes (Fr) v Sion (Switz), Eintracht Frankfurt (Ger) v Napoli (It), OB Odense (Den) v Real Madrid (Sp): Athletic Bilbao (Sp) v Parma (It).
First leg Nov 22; second leg Dec 6

Demand rises for drug counselling

MORE young professional footballers are using social drugs to relax from the pressures of the modern game (John Goodbody writes). In the ten years up to 1993, the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) was asked to help five youngsters with drugs problems. But last season, nine of the 1,300 PFA members aged between 16 and 18 were given assistance.

With football still recovering from the drugs scandals of Diego Maradona, Micky Burns, the PFA education officer, says during Radio Five Live's *On the Line* tomorrow afternoon: "We would not deny that we have had some incidence of drug abuse, particularly amongst our 16 to 18-year-olds and that we want to be seen as pro-active and doing something about it. I do not think anyone would want to deny a small number of players have been involved."

On the Line names neither the players nor clubs nor the substances but emphasises they are recreational, like marijuana or cocaine, the possession of which are illegal, rather than drugs such as anabolic steroids, which are primarily used to improve performances.

Last month, the Football Association introduced an £140,000 out-of-competition testing programme, in addition to the one for matches, which is supported by the Sports Council.

However, Alan Hodson, the FA medical officer, says that nobody will be named in its drug-testing programme. "I am trying to protect, in this particular case, the club, the manager, the player and the testing system. How can I expect a manager to approach the FA drug control centre if he knows I am going to open the beans and tell everyone?"


Babb is still searching for his best form in Liverpool's new-look defence

Liverpool will test Forest's title credentials

By Peter Ball

SUDDENLY, it is getting tight at the top of the FA Carling Premiership and it could get tighter this weekend, with third-placed Nottingham Forest visiting fifth-placed Liverpool in the game of the day this afternoon and the injury-ravaged leaders, Newcastle United, meeting Queens Park Rangers in a game that looks much more difficult than it might have done eight days ago.

Newcastle and Forest both lost their unbeaten records a week ago and, on Monday night, Liverpool saw their chance of moving into second place evaporate as a moment of slackness handed Queens Park Rangers their second victory in three days.

The game suggested that Liverpool are still having problems coming to terms with their new defensive system of five — or three, depending on your point of view — at the back. In particular, Phil Babb, who had such an impressive World Cup, looks uneasy, uncertain whether he is a central defender or a left back, although he insisted yesterday that his uncharacteristic performance at Loftus Road was down to poor form rather than the system.

"That was my worst performance for four years," he said. "I was poor and I know it. It must have been obvious to everyone. I was so poor, I didn't even feel that I was part of the team performance, but don't blame the system — we are having teething problems, but we will sort it out."

Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, is giving them time to sort it out, keeping an unchanged team. Forest are again without Collymore, so Lee continues as his replacement, but if Roy, who has recovered from his thigh injury, drops back and runs from deep, who else will the three centre backs mark?

With today's match followed immediately by a meeting with Newcastle on Monday, Forest's response over the next 72 hours may tell a lot about their real worth as title challengers.

Newcastle, too, are being faced with testing questions about their depth and [illegible]ience after two potentially devastating defeats by first Manchester United and then Athletic Bilbao. They will have to provide the answers without Cole, Fox, Sellars and Venison — and, possibly, Beresford, who is doubtful with injury. Guppy and Drysdale stand by for their Premiership debuts and Kitson returns to fill at least some of the gap left by Cole.

Newcastle's fortunes may depend on how Rangers have responded to the week's upheaval. Gerry Francis, however, will still be in charge today, despite his resignation earlier in the week, and, if the team is settled and Ferdinand is in the mood, Rangers could prove testing opposition.

Another club living in interesting times is Tottenham, under the temporary stewardship of Steve Perryman today as they visit second-placed Blackburn Rovers but with David Pleat waiting in the wings — or rather Wolverhampton, where Luton Town meet the Endsleigh Insurance League leaders.

"I've only been offered a caretaker role, but whether it is for one game, ten games or longer, I'm determined to show I'm capable of running a club of this stature," Perryman said yesterday.

Perryman insisted there is "only a ten per cent" difference between his and Ardiles's football philosophies, but he has a streak of pragmatism and Tottenham's five-man forward line will be reduced to two at Ewood Park — Klinsmann and Sheringham — with Barmby tucked in behind them. Howells comes in for his first game of the season to strengthen the defensive side of midfield and, providing somebody, perhaps Campbell, battles Shearer for 90 minutes, Blackburn, who, even at home are a counter-attacking team, could find their task more difficult than logic would suggest.

Right at the bottom, Mike Walker takes Everton back to his former club, Norwich City, looking to improve their appalling away record after their first win of the season last week. Rideout replaces Amokachi, who is missing with a hamstring injury.

COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated
Pools coupon numbers in brackets
** denotes all-ticket match*

FA Carling Premiership

(1) Blackburn v Tottenham
(2) Crystal Palace v Ipswich
(3) Leeds v Wimbledon
(4) *Liverpool v Nottm Forest
(5) Man City v Southampton
(6) Newcastle v QPR
(7) West Ham v Leicester

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	12	9	2	1	29	12	29
Blackburn	13	8	3	2	26	12	27
Nottm Forest	12	8	3	1	25	13	27
Man Utd	12	8	1	3	21	9	25
Liverpool	12	7	2	3	28	13	23
Leeds	13	6	3	4	18	15	21
Norwich	13	5	5	3	13	12	20
Chelsea	11	6	1	4	21	14	19
Man City	12	5	3	4	21	17	18
Arsenal	12	5	3	4	17	13	18
*Tottenham	12	5	2	5	21	24	17
Crystal Palace	13	4	4	5	12	15	16
Southampton	13	4	4	5	19	23	16
Coventry	13	4	3	6	15	24	15
West Ham	13	4	2	7	8	15	14
QPR	13	3	4	6	19	23	13
Sheff Wed	13	3	4	6	15	22	13
Wimbledon	12	3	3	6	9	18	12
Aston Villa	12	2	4	6	11	18	10
Ipswich	13	3	1	9	13	24	10
Leicester	12	2	3	7	14	24	9
Everton	13	1	4	8	9	24	7

* 6pts to be deducted

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division

(8) Barnsley v Stoke
(9) Charlton v Bolton
(10) Grimsby v Middlesbrough
(11) Notts County v Sunderland
(12) Port Vale v Southend
(13) Reading v Burnley
(14) Sheff Utd v Bristol City
(15) Swindon v Millwall
(—) Watford v West Brom
(16) Wolverhampton v Luton

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	15	9	4	2	31	15	31
Middlesbrough	15	9	3	3	22	14	30
Tranmere	15	8	3	4	27	19	27
Reading	15	8	3	4	19	11	27
Bolton	15	6	5	4	26	17	23
Southend	15	6	4	5	15	22	22
Charlton	15	5	6	4	26	24	21
Grimsby	15	5	6	4	22	17	21
Swindon	15	6	3	6	21	23	21
Sunderland	15	4	9	2	15	10	21
Stoke	15	5	5	5	19	22	20
Barnsley	15	5	5	5	13	18	20
Luton	15	5	4	6	21	20	19
Portsmouth	15	4	7	4	19	20	19
Oldham	15	5	3	7	21	22	18
Watford	15	4	6	5	16	21	18
Burnley	15	4	6	5	14	18	18
Sheff Utd	15	4	5	6	16	15	17
Derby	15	4	5	6	16	17	17
Port Vale	15	4	5	6	15	20	17
Millwall	15	3	7	5	21	23	16
Bristol City	15	4	4	7	12	18	16
West Brom	15	3	5	7	12	22	14
Notts County	15	1	5	9	15	26	8

Second division

(17) Blackpool v Leyton Orient
(18) Bournemouth v Cambridge Utd
(19) Brentford v Hull
(20) Bristol Rovers v Bradford
(21) Cardiff v Brighton
(22) Crewe v Swansea
(23) Peterborough v Chester
(24) Rotherham v Plymouth
(—) Shrewsbury v Birmingham
(25) Stockport v Oxford Utd
(26) Wrexham v Wycombe
(27) York v Huddersfield

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Huddersfield	15	10	4	1	37	20	34
Oxford Utd	15	9	4	2	29	17	31
Wycombe	15	9	3	3	23	16	30
Birmingham	15	8	5	2	28	12	29
Stockport	15	9	1	5	28	20	28
Hull	15	8	3	4	29	20	27
Bradford	15	8	2	5	26	21	26
Blackpool	15	8	2	5	26	22	26
Brentford	15	8	1	6	23	15	25
Crewe	15	7	2	6	27	32	23
Wrexham	15	6	5	4	22	19	23
Bristol Rovers	15	4	8	3	20	16	20
Peterborough	15	5	5	5	18	24	20
Swansea	15	4	7	4	17	16	19
Brighton	15	4	6	5	14	18	18
York	15	4	5	6	18	19	17
Shrewsbury	15	4	4	7	22	20	16
Rotherham	15	4	3	8	16	23	15
Plymouth	15	4	3	8	15	28	15
Leyton Orient	15	4	2	9	15	23	14
Cardiff	15	3	4	8	19	26	13
Cambridge Utd	15	3	4	8	17	26	13
Chester	15	2	3	10	11	24	9
Bournemouth	15	1	2	12	12	35	5

Third division

(28) Bury v Scarborough
(29) Carlisle v Rochdale
(30) Chesterfield v Hereford
(31) Colchester v Gillingham
(—) Darlington v Walsall
(32) Exeter v Doncaster
(33) Hartlepool v Wigan
(34) Lincoln v Barnet (12.0)
(35) Mansfield v Preston
(36) Northampton v Fulham
(37) Torquay v Scunthorpe

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bury	14	11	1	2	35	5	34
Carlisle	14	10	3	1	26	11	33
Doncaster	14	8	4	2	21	10	28
Barnet	14	7	4	3	22	16	25
Walsall	14	6	5	3	22	14	23
Colchester	14	7	2	5	18	21	23
Torquay	14	6	3	5	22	20	21
Scunthorpe	14	6	3	5	20	16	21
Chesterfield	14	6	3	5	16	15	21
Rochdale	14	6	2	6	23	30	20
Lincoln	14	6	2	6	19	17	20
Mansfield	14	5	3	6	17	16	18
Darlington	14	5	3	6	16	16	18
Exeter	14	5	3	6	11	19	18
Fulham	14	4	5	5	17	18	17
Preston	14	4	2	8	16	19	14
Gillingham	14	4	2	8	16	23	14
Northampton	14	2	8	4	12	14	14
Hereford	14	2	4	7	14	24	13
Hartlepool	14	3	4	7	9	16	13
Scarborough	14	3	3	8	13	23	12
Wigan	14	2	1	11	16	28	7

Vauxhall Conference

(—) Altrincham v Dag and Red.
(—) Dover v Merthyr
(—) Gateshead v Farnborough
(—) Halifax v Stafford (1.0)
(—) Kettering v Runcorn
(—) Macclesfield v Bath
(—) Southport v Bromsgrove
(—) Stalybridge v Northwich
(—) Stevenage v Telford
(—) Welling v Yeovil
(—) Woking v Kidderminster

Diadora League
Premier division

(—) Aylesbury v Harrow
(—) Bromley v Wokingham
(49) Chesham v Hendon
(50) Dulwich v Walton and Hersham
(51) Grays v Yeading
(52) Hayes v Hitchin
(53) Marlow v Enfield
(—) Molesey v Kingstonian
(—) Purfleet v Carshalton
(—) Slough v St Albans
(—) Sutton Utd v Bishop's Stortford

Northern Premier League
Premier division

(—) Barrow v Hyde
(—) Chorley v Bishop Auckland
(38) Droylsden v Boston Utd
(—) Frickley v Knowsley
(39) Gainsborough v Accrington Stanley
(40) Guiseley v Witton
(41) Marine v Buxton
(42) Matlock v Whitley Bay
(—) Morecambe v Emley
(43) Spennymoor v Colwyn Bay
(—) Winsford v Horwich

Beazer Homes League
Premier division

(—) Burton v Rushden and Diamonds
(—) Cambridge City v Cheltenham
(—) Chelmsford v Corby Town
(—) Dorchester v Crawley Town
(44) Gloucester v Worcester
(45) Halesowen v Solihull
(46) Leek Town v Hednesford Town
(47) Sittingbourne v Gresley Rovers
(48) Sudbury Town v Atherstone
(—) Trowbridge v Hastings
(—) VS Rugby v Gravesend

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division

(54) Dundee Utd v Celtic
(55) Falkirk v Aberdeen
(56) Hearts v Motherwell
(57) Kilmarnock v Hibernian
(58) Rangers v Partick

First division

(—) Dunfermline v Clydebank
(—) Hamilton v Raith
(—) St Mirren v Ayr

Second division

(—) Berwick v Brechin
(—) Clyde v Queen Of South
(—) Dumbarton v Stirling
(—) East Fife v Stenhousemuir
(—) Greenock Morton v Meadowbank

Third division

(—) Alloa v Forfar
(—) Arbroath v Cowdenbeath
(—) Montrose v Albion
(—) Queen's Park v Cale This
(—) Ross County v East Stirling

FA CHALLENGE VASE: First round: Second replay: Brook House v Royston.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Armitage v Buckingham Town, *Bedworth Utd v Sutton Coldfield Tn;* Bilston v Rothwell, Hinckley Town v Newport AFC, Ilkeston v Stourbridge, King's Lynn v Forest Green Rovers, Leicester Utd v Grantham, Moor Green v Evesham, Nuneaton Borough *v Dudley Town, RC Warwick v Redditch.* Tamworth v Bridgnorth. Southern division: Bashley v Fareham; Burnham v Braintree, Bury Town v Weymouth, Clevedon v Witney, Erith and Belvedere v Yate, Fisher 93 v *Havant, Margate v Salisbury, Newport (IoW)* v Baldock, Waterlooville v Weston-super-Mare, Wealdstone v Tonbridge AFC

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Aldershot Town v Heybridge, Barking v *Basingstoke, Berkhamsted v Tooting and* Mitcham, Billericay v Leyton, Bognor Regis v Ruislip Manor, Boreham Wood v Maidenhead Utd, Chertsey v Wembley; Dorking v Staines, Uxbridge v Newbury, Whyteleafe v *Abingdon Town, Worthing v Wivenhoe.* Second division: Bracknell v Thame, Chalfont St Peter v Croydon, Edgware v Cheshunt, Egham v Tilbury, Hampton v Banstead, Hemel Hempstead v Malden Vale, *Hungerford v Leatherhead, Oxford City* v Aveley, Ware v Saffron Walden, Windsor and Eton v Witham. Third division: Bedford Town v Camberley, Canvey Island v Tring, Clapton v Feltham and Hounslow B, Cove v *Hornchurch, East Thurrock v Harefield,* Epsom and Ewell v Leighton, Flackwell Heath v Hertford, Harlow v Northwood, Kingsbury v Collier Row, Southall v Lewes

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: *Atherton L R v Workington,* Blyth Spartans v Eastwood Town, Caernarfon v Gretna, Curzon Ashton v Bamber Bridge, Farsley Celtic v Netherfield, Goole v Fleetwood, Gt Harwood v Alfreton, Lancaster v Harrogate Town, Mossley v Warrington Town, Worksop v Ashton

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Third round: Bangor v Cemo, Brymbo v Aberystwyth, Caersws v Rhos Aelwyd, Cardiff Corries v Afan Lido, Carmarthen v Barry, Cefn Druids v Connah's Quay, Holywell v Porthmadog, Llandudno v Llangefni, Merthyr Tydfil v Cwmbran, Rhyl v Cemaes Bay, Risca Utd v Pontypridd, Maesteg Park v Inter Cardiff

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Brentwood v Sawbridgeworth, Gt Wakering Rovers v Concord Rangers, Romford v Maldon Town. Challenge Cup: First round: Burnham Ramblers v Bowers, East Ham v Basildon, Eton Manor v Stansted, Hullbridge Sports v Ford Utd

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Amersham v Brimsdown Rovers, Croydon v Corinthian-Casuals, Haringey v Cockfosters, Waltham Abbey v Hanwell, Walthamstow Pennant v Barkingside, Willesden v Tower Hamlets.

PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ash v Cobham A, Eton Wick v Sandhurst, Farnham v Horley, Hartley Wintney v Peppard, Merstham v Chipstead, Viking Sports v Bedfont.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Brache Sparta v Shillington, Hoddesdon v Milton Keynes, Potters Bar v Arlesey.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple v Crediton, Bristol Manor Farm v Odd Down, Chippenham v Bideford, Elmore v Paulton, Liskeard v Calne, Mangotsfield v Taunton, Tiverton v Saltash, Westbury v Torrington

JEWSON LEAGUE: Fakenham v Halstead, Felixstowe v Diss, Gt Yarmouth v Chatteris, March Town v Hadleigh Utd, Lowestoft v Newmarket, Stowmarket v Haverhill, Sudbury Wanderers v Histon, Tiptree v Wroxham, Watton Utd v Harwich and Parkeston, Wisbech v Cornard, Woodbridge v Soham

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: AFC Lymington v Bournemouth AFC, Totton v Horndean, Aerostructures v Wimborne, BAT v Bemerton Heath Harl, Brockenhurst v Fleet Town, Christchurch v Portsmouth RN, Downton v Thatcham Town, Ryde Sports v Gosport Borough.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: *First* division: East Grinstead v Hailsham, Eastbourne Town v Pagham, Newhaven v Burgess Hill, Whitehawk v Wick. John O'Hara Cup: Second round: Storrington v *Three Bridges.*

SUSSEX COUNTY: FA RUR Charity Cup: Second round: Arundel v Portfield, Sedhill v Peacehaven and Telscombe, Hassocks v Southwick, Langney Sports v Oakwood; Littlehampton v Shoreham, Ringmer v Crowborough; Selsey v Broadbridge Heath Stamco v Sidley

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Darenth Heathside v Sheppey Utd; Kent Police v Cray Wanderers. First division Cup: Second round: Canterbury City v Faversham, Chatham v Deal, Corinthian v Crockenhill, Folkestone Invicta v Herne Bay; *Greenwich Borough v Dartford, Ramsgate v* Thamesmead; Tunbridge Wells v Beckenham Town, Whitstable v Slade Green

HELLENIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon Utd v Fairford, Almondsbury v Moreton, Bicester v Cinderford; Brackley v Swindon Supermarine, Highworth v Tuffley; Kintbury v Carterton, North Leigh v Cirencester; Shortwood v Banbury

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston v Potton, Desborough v Holbeach, Kempston v Mirrlees Blackstone: Northampton Spencer v Newport Pagnell; Raunds v Spalding, Stamford v Cogenhoe: S and L Corby v Bourne, Stotfold v Long Buckby; Wootton v Wellingborough.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: *Brierley Hill v Pershore, Chasetown* v Shifnal; Hinckley Ath v West Mid Police, Knypersley Vic v Boldmere St M, Oldbury v Willenhall, Paget v Shepshed D, Rocester v Barwell, Rushall O v Bolehall Swifts, Stratford *v Stapenhill*

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Arnold v Pontefract Ashfield v Pickering, Brigg v North Ferriby, Glasshoughton v Ossett, Hallam v Selper Town, Liversedge v Hucknall, Maltby v Sheffield: Ossett Town v Lincoln Utd. Stocksbridge P S v Denaby, Thackley v Armthorpe

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bacup v St Helens: Bradford Park Avenue v Holker OB, Chadderton v Glossop North End. Darwen v Bootle, Kidsgrove v Trafford, Maine Road v Newcastle Town, Nantwich v Clitheroe, Prescot v Rossendale, Salford v Eastwood Hanley: Skelmersdale v Blackpool Rovers Lamot Pils Trophy: Ashton Town v Flixton Stantondale v Oldham Town

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Consett v Dunston FB, Ferryhill v RTM Newcastle, Guisborough v Eppleton CW, Murton v West Auckland, Prudhoe v Northallerton, Seaham Red Star v Billingham Synthonia Tow Law v Whitby

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballyclare v Cliftonville, Bangor v Distillery, Carrick v Ards; Crusaders v Linfield, Glentoran v Coleraine, Larne v Glenavon, Omagh Town v Ballymena, Portadown v Newry

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cobh Ramblers v Sligo Rovers (7.0); Galway Utd v Dundalk (7.0); St Patrick's Ath v Shelbourne (7.30)

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division, Cambridge Utd v Chelsea, Charlton v West Ham, Ipswich v Gillingham, Leyton Orient v Millwall, Norwich v Tottenham, Queens Park Rangers v Portsmouth, Southend v Fulham, Watford v Arsenal. Second division: Bournemouth v Crystal Palace, Brentford v Luton; Bristol City v Brighton, Bristol Rovers v Oxford Utd; Colchester v Southampton; Swindon v Wycombe Wanderers; Wimbledon v Reading

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Arthur Dunn Cup: Preliminary round: Bradfieldians v Haileyburians; Lancing v Wellingburians. *Premier division: Carthusians v Aldenhamians,* Chigwellians v Malvernians; Reptonians v Etonians. First division: Ardinians v Witleians, Foresters v Westminsters; Harrovians v Salopians; Wykehamists v Cholmeleians.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Civil Service v O Latymerians; Crouch End Vampires v Nat West Bank, Midland Bank v West Wickham, Norsemen v Winchmore Hill: South Bank v O Actonians. Second division: Carshalton v O Parkonians, Lloyds Bank v Broomfield; O Stationers v New Association; Polytechnic v Lensbury. Third division: Bank of England v Southgate Olympic, Barclays Bank v Brentham, O Lyonian v Ibis, Reigate Priory v Merton.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior *one: Norsborough v Wandsworth Boro; St* Mary's Coll v Mill Hill Village, Southgate County v O Grammarians, Witan v Parkfield; Senior two: Corinthian Cas v Duncombe Sports, Ealing Assoc v O Bealonians. *Honourable Artillery Co v Academicals.* Senior Cup: First round: Albanian v Hampstead Heathens; Hadley v Nottsborough, Hale End Athletic v Old Woodhouseians, Ulysses v Tansley

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardinal Manning v Chertsey; O Aloysians v Clapham, O Danes v O Hamptonians; O Meadonians v O Ignatians. Senior division one: O Kingsburians v Latymer; O *Salvatorians v Phoenix; O Tiffinians* v O Edmontonians. Senior Cup: O Wokingians v O Parmiterians

AFA SENIOR CUP: Hale End Ath v O Vaughanians

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Replay: Derby County v Aston Villa (1.30)

ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FUJI FILM TROPHY: Third round (11.0) Basildon v Enfield (10.30), Brighton v Norwich (12.0); Chorley v North Tyneside, Colchester v Islington, Liverpool v Salford: Luton v West London, Southeast Lindsey v Leicester, Southeast Sussex v Redbridge.

UNDER-19 MATCH: Essex v Southeast England Public Schools (at Brentwood, 2.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE

John Smith's International

Great Britain v Australia (3.00)
(at Old Trafford)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE: Premier *League:* Hemel Hempstead v Saddleworth (2.30), Mayfield v Leigh M W (12.30), Woolston v Askam (12.0)

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 2.30 unless stated

International match

Ireland v United States
(at Lansdowne Road)

Tour matches

Oxford Univ v Romanian XV
Swansea v South African XV

Courage Clubs Championship
First division

Bristol v Leicester
Harlequins v Gloucester (2.15)
Northampton v West Hartlepool (3.0)
Orrell v Wasps
Sale v Bath

Second division

Moseley v Coventry (3.0)
Newcastle Gosforth v London Irish (3.0)
Nottingham v Waterloo (3.0)
Saracens v London Scottish
Wakefield v Fylde

Pilkington Cup
Third round

Aspatria v Scunthorpe
Basingstoke v Clifton
Blackheath v Redruth
Camp Hill v Sandal
Harrogate v Lichfield
Havant v Richmond
High Wycombe v Tabard
Launceston v Exeter
Lydney v Reading
Rotherham v Wharfedale
Tynedale v Rugby
West Park v Bedford

PILKINGTON SHIELD: Third round: *London and South East: Region one:* Barclays Bank v Hadleigh; HAC v Hayes; London Cornish v Ilford Wanderers; London Nigerians v Haverhill and District; Ongar v Belsize Park; St Albans v Quintin; Stowmarket v Datchworth; Tring v St Nicholas Old Boys; Wisbech v Fakenham, Witham v Enfield Ignatians. Region two: Crowborough v Chipstead; Ditchling v Darenth Valley; Esso (Fawley) v Tonbridge; London *Media v Old Bevonians;* Old Gravesendians v Cobham, Old Tiffinian v Deal Wanderers; Orpington v Cranbrook; Ventnor v Aylesford; Whitstable v Ashford; Woking v Overton. Midlands: Region one: Birmingham City Officials v Berkswell and Balsall Common; Bishops Castle v Handsworth; Erdington v Edwardian, Rugby Welsh v Burntwood; Shipston on Stour v Wednesbury; Standard v Bromyard, Warley *v Coventrians. Region two:* Boots Athletic v Melton Mowbray; Corby v Rushden and Higham; Northampton Casuals v Vauxhall Motors, North Kesteven v Kempston; Oakham v Colworth House; Queens v St *Ives; Warwickshire Constabulary v Buxton;* Wellingborough Old Grammarians v All Spartans. North: Region one: Hessle v Medicals; Knottingley v Dinnington; Moortown v Marist; Newton Aycliffe v Winlaton Vulcans; North Shields v Stanley Rodillians; Phoenix Park v Huddersfield YMCA; Ponteland v Richmondshire; Stocksbridge v Wibsey. Region two: Birchfield v Newton le Willows; Crewe and Nantwich v Port Sunlight; Didsbury TOC v Blackpool; Marple v Millom; Mossley Hill v Eccles; Parkonians v Keswick; Wallasey v Bolton. South and South West: Region one: Beaconsfield v Bridport; Buckingham v Calne; Penryn v Portcastrians; *Thatcham v Gosford All Blacks.* Region two: Avon v Crewkerne; Blagdon v Tredworth; Bristol Telephones v Broad Plain; Cheltenham Civil Service v Caincross; Cotham Park v Bristol Saracens; Exeter Saracens v Kingsbridge; Gloucestershire Constabulary v Bishopston; Plymouth Argaum v Salcombe; St Agnes v Wadebridge Camels; Totnes v Old Plymothian.

Heineken League
First division

Cardiff v Abertillery
Llanelli v Newport
Neath v Pontypridd
Pontypool v Dunvant
Treorchy v Newbridge

Second division

Abercynon v Llandovery
Bonymaen v Ebbw Vale
Cross Keys v Aberavon
Llanharan v Penarth
Maesteg v Tenby Utd
Narberth v South Wales Police

Third division: Blaina v Aberavon Quins; Caerphilly v Blackwood; Glamorgan Wdrs v Kenfig Hill; Pontypool Utd v *Tondu;* Tredegar v Builth Wells; Ystradgynlais v Mountain Ash.

McEwan's League
First division

Boroughmuir v Jed-Forest
Glasgow H K v Melrose
Gala v West of Scotland
Hawick v Watsonians
Heriot's FP v Dundee HSFP
Stewarts Mel FP v Currie
Stirling County v Edinburgh Acads

Second division

Corstorphine v Kelso
Glasgow Acads v Edinburgh Wndrs
Gordonians v Selkirk
Grangemouth v Biggar
Haddington v Wigtownshire
Kirkcaldy v Peebles
Musselburgh v Preston Lodge

Club matches

Henley v Newbury
Huddersfield v Otley
Manchester v Broughton Park
Plymouth v Met Police (2.45)
Vale of Lune v Liverpool St Helens

HOCKEY

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division A: Bishops Stortford v Redbridge and Ilford; Blueharts v Ipswich; *Cambridge Univ v Colchester; Chelmsford* v Peterborough Town; Luton v Dereham. Premier division B: Bedford v Westcliff; Ipswich and E Suffolk v Bury St Edmunds; Norwich City v Old Southendian; Pelicans v Stevenage; Sudbury v *Romford.*

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Ben Rhydding v Timperley; Blackburn v Hightown-Northern; Formby v Warrington; Harrogate v Norton; Southport v Stockton.

SUN LIFE LEAGUE: Premier division: Bath Buccaneers v Hereford; Plymouth v Weston-super-Mare; Swansea v Cheltenham; Taunton Vale v West Glos; West Wilts v *Exeter Univ.*

DTZ DEBENHAM THORPE LEAGUE: Premier division: Hampton In Arden v North Notts; Harborne v Leicester Westleigh; Khalsa v Bloxwich; Lichfield v Belper, Olton and West Warwickshire v Nottingham.

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier league: Ashford v Fareham; Chichester v Staines; City Of Portsmouth v Oxford Hawks; High Wycombe v Maidenhead; Lyons v Old Kingstonians; Old Walcountians v Gore Court; Wimbledon v Anchorians; Winchester v Dulwich; Woking v *Old Whitgiftians.* *Regionals:* Hampshire/Surrey: Barnes v Fleet; Bournemouth v Petersfield; Camberley v Basingstoke; Cheam v Oxted; Epsom v Southampton Tautonians; Lensbury v Merton; O Edwardians v Hamble OB; Pirelli v London University; Purley v O Mid Whitgiftians; Weybridge Hawks v Oxshott. Kent/Sussex: Belvedere v Bognor; Greenwich v Tulse Hill, Horsham v Blackheath; Marden Russets v Crawley; Middleton v Herne Bay; Mid Sussex v Beckenham; O Bordenians v Gravesend; O Holcombeians v Brighton; O Williamsonians v Bexleyheath; Sevenoaks v Tunbridge Wells. Middx/Berks/Bucks and Oxon: Amersham v OMT; Aylesbury v Richings Park; Bracknell v Newbury; City Of Oxford v Milton Keynes: Eastcote v Mill Hill; Gerrards Cross v Hayes; Headington v PHC Chiswick; Hendon v HCC; Sunbury v Marlow; Wokingham v Ramgarhia.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Balsam Leicester v Ipswich; Clifton v Bracknell; Hightown v Chelmsford; Slough v First Personnel Sutton Coldfield. First division: Blueharts v Trojans; Bradford Swithenbank v Canterbury; Exmouth v Ealing; Wimbledon v Doncaster. Second division: Pickwick v Great Harwood; Loughborough v Olton; Sunderland Bedens v St Albans; Woking v Sherwood.

WELSH NATIONAL LEAGUE: Colwyn Bay v Swansea, *Haverfordwest v Aberystwyth* University, Newtown v Cardiff Athletic, Penarth v Newport, Wrexham v Llanfair.

EAST LEAGUE: Cambridge City v Harleston M, Old Loughtonians v *Bexleyheath,* Sevenoaks v Saracens, Welwyn GC v Redbridge.

MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Aldridge v Kettering, Crimson R v Peveril, Hampton v Belper, Wolverhampton v Tamworth.

NORTH LEAGUE: Chester v Don Valley, Liverpool v York, Newcastle v Crosby, Poynton v Ormskirk Ford

SOUTH LEAGUE: City of Portsmouth v Southampton, Ealing v Hendon, Guildford v Dulwich, Havant v Winchester, West Witney v Reading, Worthing v Winchmore Hill.

WEST LEAGUE: Bournemouth v Clifton, East Glos v Lansdown, Gloucester v Yate, *Leominster v Wimborne W, Plymouth v* Cheltenham, St Austell v Colwell, Weston SM v Redland.

SOUTH WALES LEAGUE: Cwmtawe v Llan and Llan, Pontypridd v Old *Howardians,* St Fagans v Cardiff IHE, Swansea v Risca.

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Sheffield v Cardiff (6.30).

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke v Bracknell (6.0); Fife v Humberside (7.15); Nottingham v Milton *Keynes (6.30). First division:* Chelmsford v Trafford (6.30); Dumfries v Teesside (6.30); Guildford v Blackburn (6.0); Medway v Paisley (6.0), Romford v Solihull (5.15); Swindon v Slough (5.30); Telford v Lee Valley (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Sunderland v Leopards (7.30); Worthing v Sheffield (8.0). 7UP Trophy: Manchester v Chester (7.30).

ROWING: Thames World Sculling Challenge (Putney to Mortlake, 1.10pm).

SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges championship (Edinburgh).

TENNIS: National championships (Telford).

VOLLEYBALL: Men: First division: Whitefield v Liverpool (7.0); Warwick v Ealing (6.30); Camden v Newcastle Staffs (5.0); Wessex v Lewisham.

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership

Arsenal v Sheff Wed
Aston Villa v Man Utd (4.0)
Chelsea v Coventry

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division

Oldham v Tranmere (3.05)
Portsmouth v Derby (2.55)

B and Q CUP
Final

Dundee v Airdrie (2.30)
(at St Johnstone FC)

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland v Colwyn Bay

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Derry City v Athlone Town (3.15); Monaghan Utd v Cork City (2.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

Stones Bitter Championship
First division

Bradford v Sheffield
Castleford v Widnes (3.30)
Doncaster v St Helens
Halifax v Oldham — P
Leeds v Workington
Warrington v Hull
Wigan v Featherstone — P

Second division

Dewsbury v Bramley
Huddersfield v Batley (3.30)
Hull K R v Highfield (3.15)
Hunslet v Leigh (3.30)
London Broncos v Carlisle
Rochdale v Barrow
Ryedale York v Swinton (3.15)
Whitehaven v Keighley

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Chester v Birmingham (6.0); Leopards v Doncaster (5.0), Manchester v Hemel (6.0)

HOCKEY

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: League Cup: First division: Pool A: Bournville v Cannock (Birmingham University, 2.0) Stourport v Hull (Kidderminster School, 2.30) Pool B: Canterbury v East Grinstead (Polo Farm, 1.0) Guildford v Teddington (Kings Manor School, 12.0) Pool C: Hounslow v Indian Gymkhana (Chiswick, 10.30), Old Loughtonians v Southgate (Chigwell, 2.30) Pool D: Reading v Slough (Sonning Lane, 2.0) Firebrands v Havant (Longwood, Bristol, 2.0) Second division: Barford *Tigers v Beeston (Holyhead Leisure Centre,* Handsworth, 1.0), Bromley v Edgbaston (Priory Leisure Centre, Orpington, 1.00), Crostyn v Hampstead and Westminster (Chigwell, 1.00), Doncaster v Whitchurch *(Bennetthorpe, 2.00), Gloucester City v St* Albans (Plock Court, 1.30), Harleston Magpies v Sheffield (Shotford Heath, 2.00); Isca v Cambridge City (Exeter School, 12.30); Neston v Brooklands (Raby Park 2.00), Richmond v Oxford University (Teddington School, 2.00)

AEWHA CUP: Second round: Anchorians v Sonning; Barnes v Redbridge and Ilford; Bedford v Pelicans; Belvedere v Sunbury; Brentwood v Harleston Magpies, Bromley v Letchworth; Broxbourne v Farnborough; *Buckingham v Basingstoke, Cambridge City* v Dereham; Charnwood v Bloomsfield; Cheltenham v Lillington Warwick; City Of Oxford v Winchester; City Of Portsmouth v Weston; Crosby v Ormskirk Ford; Eastcote v United Services Portsmouth, Edgbaston v Holmes Chapel; Green Dragons v St Austell; Guildford v Old Loughtonians; Hampton-In-Arden v Chester; Hendon v *Ashford;* Leighton Buzzard v Tulse Hill; Loughborough v *Saracens, Luton Town v Colchester;* Maidenhead v Bishop's Stortford; Matlock Batleians v Crimson Ramblers; Newcastle v Norton, Oxford Hawks v Newbury; Rosebery v Leyland Motors; Sevenoakes v Dulwich; Sheffield v Worksop, Shipston-On-Stour v Colwall; Southampton v West Witney; Southgate v Spencer; Staines v Deal; St Agnes v Penzance; Tring v Epsom, Welton v Whitley Bay; West Bromwich v Deeside Ramblers, Wigan v North Staffs; Winnington Park v Aldridge.

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Semi-final, Second leg: Cardiff v Sheffield (6.30).

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell v Whitley (5.15); Durham v Milton *Keynes (6.30); Peterborough v Edinburgh* (6.30) First division: Blackburn v Dumfries (6.0); Guildford v Telford (5.15); Lee Valley v Paisley (7.0); Medway v Chelmsford (6.0); Romford v Slough (5.15); Teesside v Swindon *(6.30); Trafford v Solihull (at Bradford, 5.30).*

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges championship (Edinburgh)

TENNIS: National championships (Telford).

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Unseeded pair turn tables on leading players in dramatic women's national championships

Ward sweeps aside British No 1 to contest final


Wood: raw talent

BY STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

JO WARD yesterday caused an upheaval unprecedented in the brief history of the national championships, which were inaugurated in 1983. In beating Clare Wood, the clear favourite to retain the women's title, the audacious 19-year-old became the first unseeded competitor to reach the final.

A few hours later her feat was matched by Kaye Hand, an even less heralded 26-year-old, but her victory was hollow and insignificant. She was ushered through by Shirli-Ann Siddall, a second seed eventually overcome by her own nerves in a match of comparatively woeful quality.

The unforeseen finalists, with a combined ranking of 999th in the world, will share more than the centre court today. Three years ago both of them were advised that they would be physically unable to pursue a career in tennis. They have plainly become accustomed to defying the odds.

Ward should crown a week during which she has developed from a mamber of the chorus line to the leading figure. Not only did she knock out the defending champion but she did so in a manner which demonstrated that she is blessed with sufficient talent to make an impact far beyond Telford.

Wood, having expressed bemusement and exasperation as she was left stranded by a series of searing forehands and delicate drop shots, offered only one misgiving about the youngster's future. "If she plays like that for the next twelve months, she could break into the top 150," she forecast.

"She showed that she has the ability. She went for her shots and they paid off. My coach [Nigel Sears] and I had discussed tactics but we didn't realise that she was capable of hitting so many winners. She played unbelievably well but she has to maintain that level week in, week out."

Ward herself recognises that she needs to tighten her game. There were lapses, as there were bound to be for one so raw, but she was armed with enough damaging weapons and adventurous tactical acumen to suppress the woman who has for the last 18 months been unchallenged as the British No 1.

Ward double-faulted three times as she served for the first set but recovered to take it. With two errant volleys, she yielded the second before establishing a comfortable, and ultimately decisive, lead in the third. She won, after two hours and 20 minutes, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

After professing that she intends "to go for it" again today, she reflected on the improbable origins of her blossoming career. Six years ago, at the age of 13, she joined 30 of her school colleagues in South Shields for an introductory clinic with Harvey Slater, once the nation's junior No 5.

"I just enjoyed running around and smacking the ball," she recalled. She still does but with greater menace and purpose.

Slater was not initially impressed but he agreed that he would act as her coach after his father had appraised the 5ft 10in Ward as potential "dynamite".

Although the family could not afford to pay him, he practised with Ward for 15 hours a week. "In terms of winning matches, she was hopeless," he said. "She kept on hitting the back fence but I knew that, if she could harness her power and her fiery temperament, she could compete."

Hampered by a troublesome cartilage, which required three operations and kept her out of action for 18 months, she is currently ranked no higher than 432nd. Slater believes that Ward could break into the top 100 but, like Wood, he added a note of caution.

"It would be naive to think that she will go flying up the ladder because she is playing against people with a wealth of experience". Nevertheless, she is learning fast and she is threatening to turn the week into her own graduation ceremony.

A trembling Siddall let slip a lead of 6-1, 4-1. Hand, who has also been dogged by injury for the past three years, is nothing if not plucky and, in eliminating a third seed, assured herself of earning more money in one day than during the whole of the year.

In contrast, the men's event followed a much more predictable course until Mark Petchey, the second seed, was beaten, succumbing to Miles Maclagan, the seventh seed. He will play Jamie Delgado in the one semi-final. Danny Sapsford takes on Jeremy Bates, the No 1 seed and defending champion, in the other semi-final.

RESULTS

MEN: Quarter-finals: D Sapsford (Surrey) bt J West (Hants and IoW) 6-3, 6-3; J Bates (Surrey) bt G Henderson (Yorks) 6-4, 6-3; J Delgado (Warwicks) bt T Spinks (Norfolk) 6-2, 7-5.
Women: Semi-finals: J Ward (Durham and Clevel) bt C Wood (Sussex) 6-3, 5-7, 6-3; K Hand (Berks) bt S-A Siddall (Dorset) 1-6, 7-5, 6-6.

Navratilova forced to fight back as Frazier gets ahead

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MARTINA Navratilova, the No 2 seed, fought her way out of trouble to beat Amy Frazier, the sixth seed, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1 in the quarter-finals of the £260,000 Bank of the West Classic in Oakland, California, yesterday. After winning the first two games of the match, the defending champion then lost the next six, missing easy volleys and mishitting backhands.

She battled back in the second set and eventually won the contest, when Frazier double-faulted, in one hour 42 minutes. Navratilova, 38, said afterwards: "There is no doubt I am having a harder time getting going." The nine-times Wimbledon champion now meets either Debbie Graham or Jolene Watanabe for a place in the final.

Despite the defeat, Frazier, 22, said she enjoyed her second meeting with Navratilova. "When I found out I was going to play her, I was really excited," she said. "Just to be on the court with her is an honour. I grew up watching her."

Zina Garrison Jackson, the beaten finalist last year, beat Marianne Werdel, a fellow American, 6-3, 6-3 and advances to meet Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, the Spanish No 1 seed, in the last eight.

Anke Huber, from Germany, the No 5 seed, overcame Meredith McGrath, of the United States, 6-0, 6-4 in a 69-minute match. Huber faces another American, Lindsay Davenport, the No 3 seed, in the quarter-finals.

Michael Chang beat Goran Ivanisevic, the defending champion, to reach the semi-finals of the Paris Indoor Open yesterday. The seventh-seed had never beaten the world No 2 in three previous meetings but won 3-6, 6-4, 7-6.

Chang faces either Boris


Navratilova: battled back

Becker, the three-times champion, or Marc Rosset, of Switzerland, today for a place in the final, tomorrow.

Ivanisevic's only compensation was that, during yesterday's game, he set a world record for the number of aces hit in a season. Despite losing to Chang, Ivanisevic recorded his 1,128th ace. The previous record was held by Pete Sampras, the world No 1, who hit 1,011 aces last year.

Sergi Bruguera, the two-time French Open champion and No 4 seed, joined Chang in the semi-finals by beating the unseeded Petr Korda, from the Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-6.

☐ Jennifer Capriati is expected to accept a wild-card invitation to play in a $750,000 tournament in Philadelphia next week. Capriati, 18, joined the women's professional Tour at the age of 13 and won the 1992 Olympic title, but she has not played competitively for 14 months and has struggled with personal and legal problems. Other entrants for the tournament next week include Steffi Graf, Conchita Martinez and Mary Pierce.

Loose cannon lines up Australians for sinking


Goulding, seen here at the training ground after a strenuous workout, will need to produce something special from his bag of tricks. Photograph: John Houlihan

Christopher Irvine examines the splendid contribution Bobby Goulding makes to the Great Britain team with his terrier-like skills

For a hazy few minutes, Bobby Goulding said, he was out of control. Out of this world is what he looked. Goulding lit Great Britain's blue touch-paper when coming on at Wembley after half an hour and demonstrated beyond doubt that he should have been there from the start.

It has taken the suspension of Shaun Edwards, but Goulding begins at scrum half at Old Trafford today opposite Ricky Stuart. With hindsight, both would have lined up a fortnight ago instead of being on the substitutes's bench. Allan Langer, once Goulding got hold of him, was rendered obsolete.

The trick with Stuart, less predictable, more elusive and fearsomely strong, is to pin him down. Edwards failed to do that against Australia for Wigan last month, and four years ago at Old Trafford, Stuart's break in injury time was the catalyst for shattering Britain.

If anyone can, though, Goulding can; a case of unleashing a terrier at a pit bull.

Within six minutes of his appearing after the dismissal of Edwards, Goulding had initiated the match-winning try. This will be remembered chiefly for the dummy and acceleration by Jonathan Davies that vapourised the Australia defence, but it had the scrum half's fingerprints all over it.

Goulding's quicksilver break up the left from a scrum on his 20-metre line initially wrong-footed the Australian cover. His equally-swift reactions at first receiver were instrumental in freeing Davies.

Moving the ball wide, coupled with his deft kick and thunderous chase game, are two of the essentials, yet with the Australian party labouring hours at the video tape to pinpoint areas of potential weakness, Goulding will require a few more tricks from his bag if the Kangaroos really are to be tied down for a second time.

Such a mature display in extraordinary circumstances in Wembley, a channelling of inexhaustible energy into a rage of perfection, represented something of a coming of age for Goulding, 22. He remains an untamed force. Unpredictability is his enormous strength. Mercifully the loose cannon label has been shed.

His precocious self-confidence on the field was not always matched by maturity off it. Trouble followed him. The question, "has Bobby grown up yet?" was a recurring one. Not at Leeds, where an incident at a training camp prompted the club to off-load him. Before that, there was a controversial and hasty exit from the Sydney Easts club and arrest in an Auckland restaurant during the 1990 Britain tour.

Wigan were one of five clubs chasing his signature on his sixteenth birthday. Goulding chose Wigan. They were world champions and, besides, the end of Andy Gregory, his scrum-half hero, was nigh. Goulding took his chances well enough, but Gregory's durability and the fact that John Monie, then Wigan coach, viewed him as a hooker, prompted the move to Leeds.

Goulding was more of a hit with supporters than management at Headingley. Widnes, his home town club, provided an invigorating spell alongside Jonathan Davies at half back, but as debts mounted and players deserted Naughton Park, it was inevitable that Goulding would leave, and St Helens have been the beneficiaries this season of his capricious talent.

Given a free reign to play his natural attacking game, Goulding has blossomed as the form player of the season. His return to the international fold — this afternoon he wins his eighth cap — was inevitable.

Edward's self-inflicted misfortune is the chance Goulding has been seeking to stake a long-term claim to the No 7 berth.

There will be no nerves — there never are with him — just a couple of prayers on his rosary beads, one for the team to win, another not to get hurt.

"We stung their pride last time, so we know they'll redouble their efforts," Goulding said. "We just have to be twice as determined this time. We've beaten them once. It's not like it can't be done."

Seven players banned

SEVEN players have received bans ranging from one to five matches for a brawl in the second division game between Dewsbury and Swinton, for which both clubs were ordered to pay £1,500 earlier this week and the respective coaches were also fined (Christopher Irvine writes).

The worst punishments by the Rugby Football League disciplinary committee were handed to players who were cited afterwards, rather than sent off. The Swinton pair of Dave Harthill and Glen Prince received five and three-match suspensions, respectively. One of the four players dismissed, Gavin Price-Jones, of Swinton, was found not guilty.

In a separate case, Gary Senior, of Huddersfield, was suspended for eight games and his team-mate, Andy Pucill, for four games.

Workington have signed Rowland Phillips, the Wales forward, on loan from Warrington.

Force four proves too forceful for specialist Cup yachts

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL
IN SAN DIEGO

THE 75ft yachts developed for the America's Cup were exposed as fragile dinosaurs on Thursday when racing for the world championship had to be abandoned because the winds topped 20 knots for the fourth race in the series.

The sparkling conditions would have been described as perfect for any club race around the Solent, but for many of these top-rated America's Cup crews, the Force 4 winds was all too much to contemplate.

While Bill Koch's all-women *America³* crew cruised around with full sail set awaiting the starting gun, the Japanese kept their sails firmly in bags below deck and Dennis Conner's crew hoisted their mainsail only briefly before heading for home.

"The problem was a combination of strong winds and those ten-foot seas," the *one-Australia* helmsman, Rod Davis, said. "The real breakages come when the boat slams down into the seas in those winds."

During the previous Cup series, in 1992, the winds rarely crept above 14 knots and not one day's racing was lost because of extreme conditions during the entire five-month programme. However, according to Bill Center, a seasoned commentator on sailing in these waters, designers may have been too extreme this time round.

"Nineteen ninety two was the last year of the California drought and we had unseasonably light winds throughout," Center said. "We can expect many more days now when winds are blowing above 15 knots."

Judging by the reluctance to race on Thursday and the high level of breakages sustained during Wednesday's event when the winds topped 17 knots for a brief period only, Cup challengers must either beef up their boats or expect many more days of sitting it out on the dock.

Niah Vaughan, the leading British yachtsman competing in the BOC Challenge solo round-the-world race, was within 150 miles of Cape Town yesterday and expected to take third place in class two.

BOC CHALLENGE: Leading positions (of yachts still at sea at 08.00GMT yesterday): Class 1: 1, Thursday's Child (A Taylor, US) 598 miles. Class 2: 3, Jimroda II (C Vaughan, GB) 148, 4, Newcastle Australia (A Nebauer, Aus) 547, 5, Sky Catcher (N Rowe, GB) 942, 6, Shusen-Doha II (M Saito, Japan) 1,711, 7, Cornwall (R Dave, GB) 1,823, 8, Protect Our Sealife (N Petersen, SA) 2,339, 9, Henry Hamblower (H Mitchell, GB) 2,354; 10, Town of Carva (S Blanchett, In) 2,757, 11, Cardiac 88 (F Romack, US) 3,488

Cash cuts present rivers authority with tough choices

Brian Clarke looks at the implications of falling Government grants on sea trout and salmon anglers

Few subjects will cause an angler's eyes to glaze faster than talk of finance. It is one of the matters that many go fishing to escape. And yet financial decisions will be made this month that could have a profound effect on the sport of those who fish for salmon and sea trout.

The central issue is the cash the Government puts into the National Rivers Authority (NRA) to fund its fisheries work. In the past, these grants have equalled more than half the funds needed. Last year they totalled £12.8 million out of £24 million, with anglers' rod licence fees making up most of the rest.

This year the grant has been cut to £9.1 million, reducing the total available for fisheries to just £21.6 million. Further big cuts are in the pipeline for 1996-97. The scale of these cuts is not known, but the 1995-96 figure under review is expected around Budget day and a projected £7.5 million grant in 1996-97 is highly optimistic.

Cuts on this scale would give no problems for trout and coarse anglers, who pay enough in licence fees to cover the full £10.5 million that the NRA spends on their behalf. But they would pose massive problems to the NRA's fisheries group — and hence to salmon and sea trout fishermen.

Of the £10 million plus spent on salmon and sea trout fisheries, anglers contributed nine per cent in licence fees and commercial netmen two per cent. The books have been balanced this year by pouring the whole of the government grant into the salmon and sea trout budget. The NRA says that this is how it will have to balance the books in future.

The move has two effects. The first is to make visible to both government and the influential salmon angling lobby exactly who gets hurt when further cuts are made. The second is to deny, willy-nilly, the coarse and trout men any benefit of the grant, which is given to fisheries as a whole.

If the expected cut next year is anywhere near as deep as is feared, the NRA has some tough choices to make and a limited number of options available. It can cut its overheads, it can increase its income and it can cut its direct spending on salmon and sea trout waters.

Overheads in the NRA are difficult to pin down but are widely believed to be high and on some estimates could be reducing the cash available to benefit fisheries by as much as one-third. This is less a reflection on the management of the fisheries group, than on NRA culture as a whole. However, anglers and fishery owners will expect cuts to be made here before a penny is taken from direct fisheries work.

Scope for raising rod licence fees is limited. There was some discontent when fees were recently pitched at £45 and massive increases would simply produce a storm of protest and reduce the numbers sold. Licences to commercial netmen will certainly go up, but the sums are small and will have little impact.

This leaves the cash spent where anglers see it. Money for salmon and sea trout fisheries goes mainly into the improvement of the habitat for fish; into fish-rearing and stocking; into surveys of fish populations and dynamics, and into licence enforcement and anti-poaching activities.

Many will be surprised to learn that just eight per cent of spending goes on habitat improvement. If habitat can be improved, fish will spawn more successfully and the need for stocking will be reduced.

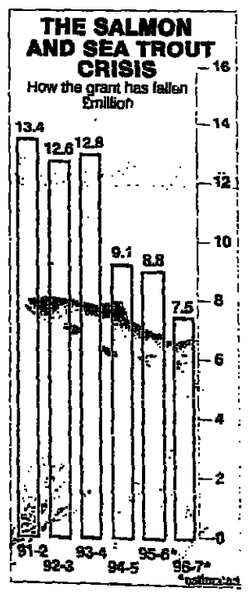
Surveys and the like take up 17 per cent of all spending on salmon and sea trout waters. This work is likely to be hit in any cutbacks, but the most relevant of it simply must be preserved, as surveys provide the background against which a host of fisheries decisions must be made.

It is a salutary thought that, if better information were available on fish populations and dynamics, anglers would have a much better understanding than they do now of the impact on their sport of the massive increase in the numbers of fish being taken by cormorants.

Lastly there is the biggest single investment of all: that on licence enforcement and anti-poaching activities, which takes up 49 per cent of all cash available to salmon and sea trout fisheries. This spending, for all its great importance, is becoming a contentious issue.

Modern salmon poaching is a professional, criminal and often violent activity. Many are beginning to ask why the angling community should be expected to pay to counter it, at least in part, when criminal behaviour is a matter for the police.

All of these issues and more are now on the boil and, over the next couple of weeks, decisions will be made that will affect the sport of thousands for years to come. The financing of their fisheries may be as dry as dust to most anglers, but they remain uninterested at their peril.



Stamina limitations to deny Lochsong in Breeders' Cup Sprint

Barathea and Ezzoud to fly British flag

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT
IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

IN THE betting stakes, racing's biggest winners often trade in nothing more concrete than whims, hunches, or themes throughout the afternoon. This is best witnessed by the man who, after a premonition, went to Belmont Park, in New York, specifically to back horses whose names conjured images of hats. Toppers, trilbys, fedoras, stetsons: you name it, he backed them.

Having picked seven winners in as many races, he left the racetrack before the last, many thousands of dollars the richer, for he could find no appropriately-named horse.

The following day, on consulting his dictionary, he was mortified to discover that the winner, a rank outsider, shared his name with the headgear worn by members of an obscure Asian sect.

Breeders' Cup day offers British punters a taste of the exotic and, possibly, the best approach is to adopt a theme close to our hearts: the weather. Tuesday's bitter chill reflected the low-key approach of the British contingent. However, with each passing day, the weather has improved and along with it the aspirations of our most potent raid yet on the seven-race, $10 million championship.

Ominously, however, there is the threat of rain here this afternoon. Should it materialise, perhaps punters should heed the warning and support the locals, albeit begrudgingly. That would not wash well with Walter Swinburn, who, not for the first time, spoke optimistically yesterday about Britain's — and Europe's — prospects.

"We must have a great chance to improve on our Breeders' Cup record this year," the jockey said. "In California and Florida [the last two venues], the horses seemed to have sweated their chances away. This time we've come in from the same climate and our horses have had a better preparation. It hasn't been just an afterthought."

According to Swinburn, the Michael Stoute-trained Ezzoud has had the Classic as his objective all year. The Eclipse and International Stakes winner has looked in fine fettle since arriving on Wednesday. The trip is tailor-made for him, as it should be for Millkom, another to impress by his appearance.

With Grand Lodge, Flag Down, Cezanne and Dernier Empereur among the cast, this represents Europe's best chance of a victory. Devil His Due and Dramatic Gold look best of the home team, but **Ezzoud**, with his high cruising speed, can land this $3 million race.

In the Turf, over 12 furlongs, Europe's entry outnumbers the Americans. Although Hernando and Hatoof have the necessary class, the French party in general have not impressed since their arrival; many are turning in their coats. Even at their best, however, they would struggle to contain **Paradise Creek**. He may be new to the distance but his credentials are otherwise exemplary. Raintrap, the four-year-old formerly with Andre Fabre who has joined Bobby Frankel, is in tremendous shape and has an each-way chance.

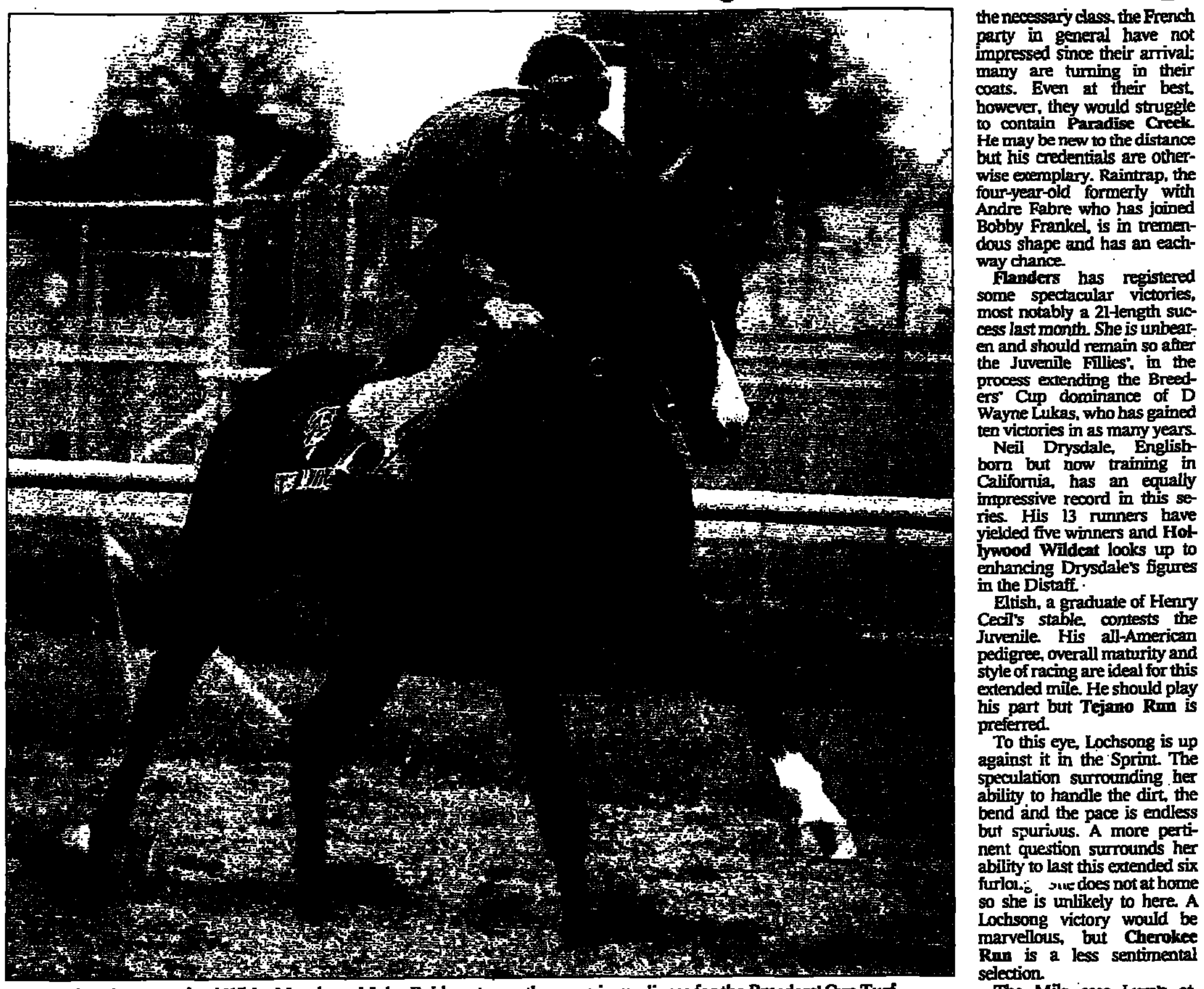
Flanders has registered some spectacular victories, most notably a 21-length success last month. She is unbeaten and should remain so after the Juvenile Fillies', in the process extending the Breeders' Cup dominance of D Wayne Lukas, who has gained ten victories in as many years.

Neil Drysdale, English-born but now training in California, has an equally impressive record in this series. His 13 runners have yielded five winners and **Hollywood Wildcat** looks up to enhancing Drysdale's figures in the Distaff.

Eltish, a graduate of Henry Cecil's stable, contests the Juvenile. His all-American pedigree, overall maturity and style of racing are ideal for this extended mile. He should play his part but **Tejano Run** is preferred.

To this eye, Lochsong is up against it in the Sprint. The speculation surrounding her ability to handle the dirt, the bend and the pace is endless but spurious. A more pertinent question surrounds her ability to last this extended six furlong; she does not at home so she is unlikely to here. A Lochsong victory would be marvellous, but **Cherokee Run** is a less sentimental selection.

The Mile sees Lure's attempt at a record third Breeders' Cup victory. His draw, in stall 14, undoubtedly lessens his chance, which might not be quite as strong as in previous years. Lure looks vulnerable this time and the Luca Cumani-trained **Barathea**, impressive all week here, can slay the American giant.



The Manton-trained White Muzzle and John Reid canter on the grass in readiness for the Breeders' Cup Turf

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: **RELKEEL**
(1.50 Sandown Park)
Next best: Blushing Flame
(2.30 Doncaster)

BREEDERS' CUP FIELDS

JULIAN MUSCAT

6.20 Cherokee Run
6.55 Flanders
7.30 Hollywood Wildcat
8.05 Barathea
8.40 Tejano Run
9.20 Paradis Creek
10.05 Ezzoud

GOING: FAST (DIRT COURSE); FIRM (TURF COURSE)
DRAW: LOW NUMBERS FAVOURED, PARTICULARLY UP TO 1M

6.20 BREEDERS' CUP SPRINT
(£351,351: 6f dirt) (14 runners)

1 (3) 361421 EXCLUSIVE PRALINE 21 (F Calabrese) S Towne 3-8-12 ... W Ramos
2 (4) 263112 AMERICAN CHANCE 48 (J Gunther & H Harlagioti) D Carroll 5-9-0 ... P Day
3 (5) 111111 SOVIET PROBLEM 21 (Harris Farms Inc & D Valpredo) G Gilchrist 4-8-11 C McCarron
4 (6) 110101 LOCHSONG 34 (J Smith) I Balding (GB) 6-8-11 ... L Dettori
5 (7) 122311 END SWEEP 20 (H Mangurian Jr) M Casse 3-8-12 ... R Migliore
6 (8) 2-11111 MENTOCRAT 27 (Godolphin Racing) B Peddes 3-8-12 ... G Stevens
7 (9) 6-01111 PRENUP 35 (E Evans) M Hennig 3-8-12 ... J Santos
8 (10) 325111 KING RUCKUS 56 (F Stronach) M Doyle (Can) 4-9-0 ... T Kabel
9 (11) 322123 CHEROKEE RUN 49 (J Robinson) F Alexander 4-9-0 ... M Smith
10 (12) 3211-14 CARDMANIA 21 (J Converse) D Meredith 8-9-0 ... E Delahoussaye
11 (14) 435113 CHIMES BAND 42 (Farms Farm) D W Lukas 3-8-12 ... J Bailey
12F (1) 353442 BIRDONTHEWIRE 27 (R Kaufman & J Isolini) P Sapp 5-9-0 ... C Perret
13F (2) 121213 HONOR THE HERO 21 (A Burdick & A Ueland) D Oliver 5-9-0 ... G Gomez
14F (3) 614216 HARLAN 27 (W Young & A Hancock III) D W Lukas 5-9-0 ... C Nakatani

PARI-MUTUEL BETTING: 7-2 Soviet Problem, 5-1 Cherokee Run, 6-1 Lochsong, Mentocrat, 8-1 American Chance, Prenup, 12-1 Birdonthewire, Harlan, Honor The Hero (combined in all pools as the field), 14-1 Chimes Band, End Sweep, King Ruckus, 16-1 Cardmania, Exclusive Praline.

6.55 BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES
(£351,351: 1m 110yd dirt) (14 runners)

1 (2) 1111 FLANDERS 28 (Overbrook Farm) D W Lukas 8-7 ... P Day
1A (14) 12013 CAT APPEAL 14 (Overbrook Farm) D W Lukas 8-7 ... Donna Barton
2 (1) 11111 HONKY TONK TUNE 34 (F Stronach) D Vella (Can) 8-7 ... C McCarron
3 (3) 5511 BELLE GENIUS 56 (Godolphin Racing) P Kelleway (GB) 8-7 ... L Dettori
4 (4) 3114 LILLY CAPOTE 14 (J Spence) D W Lukas 8-7 ... J Bailey
5 (5) 2211 MIRIELLE 21 (J Ladner) J Broussard 8-7 ... J Broussard
6 (6) 152121 FORTUNE PENDING 21 (H & I Elkins) W Kaplan 8-7 ... J Velasquez
7 (8) 2132 MORRIS CODE 14 (D Morrison) H Wiggins 8-7 ... S Sellers
8 (9) 2112 CALL NOW 28 (V Winchell) R McAnally 8-7 ... DOUBTFUL
9 (11) 11321 STORMY BLUES 27 (D & H Finkelstein) F S Schulhofer 8-7 ... J Santos
10 (12) 6111 POST IT 14 (J Campbell) R Allen 8-7 ... S Maple
11 (13) 112341 SERENA'S SONG 28 (R & B Lewis) D W Lukas 8-7 ... C Nakatani
12F (7) 3451 BO CHERYL 21 (J Shiewitz) D Drake (Can) 8-7 ... E Ramsammy
13F (10) 3153 MAMA MUCCI 28 (J Miller Trust) M Orman 8-7 ... E Delahoussaye

PARI-MUTUEL BETTING: 6-5 Flanders & Cat Appeal (coupled in all pools), 5-1 Serena's Song, 6-1 Stormy Blues, 8-1 Honky Tonk Tune, 12-1 Belle Genius, 14-1 Lilly Capote, 16-1 Post It, 20-1 Fortune Pending, 25-1 Bo Cheryl & Mama Mucci (coupled as the field in all pools), Mirielle, Morris Code.

7.30 BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF
(Fillies & mares: £351,351: 1m 1f dirt) (10 runners)

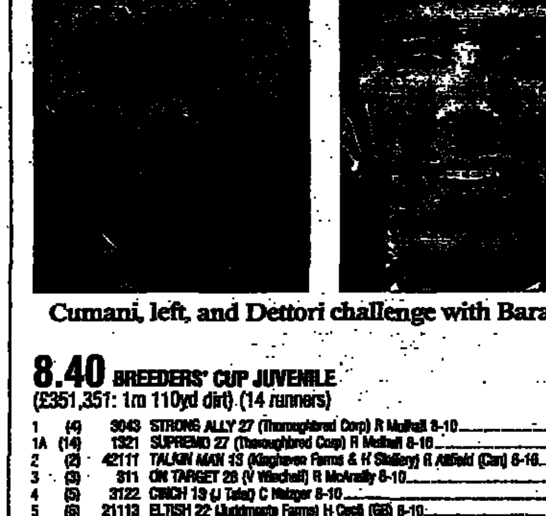
1 (3) -223111 HEAVENLY PRIZE 28 (O Phipps) C McGaughey 3-8-8 ... P Day
1A (6) 331321 DISPUTE 20 (O Phipps) C McGaughey 4-8-11 ... DOUBTFUL
2 (1) 1-12413 MISS DOMINIQUE 20 (A Paulson) A Hassinger 5-8-11 ... C Nakatani
3 (2) 1-12111 DERIN BIRD 34 (T Yoshida) P Chapple-Hyam (GB) 3-8-8 ... Y Take
4 (4) -131143 ONE DREAMER 42 (Glen Hill Farm) T Proctor 6-8-11 ... G Stevens
5 (5) 162401 TRULY A DREAM 20 (R Strauss) R Collet (Fr) 3-8-8 ... J Bailey
6 (7) 1-31221 HOLLYWOOD WILDCAT 26 (I & M Cowan) N Drysdale 4-8-11 ... E Delahoussaye
7 (8) 11-1214 LINK RIVER 49 (Darley Stud Management) W Mott 4-8-11 ... Julie Krone
8 (9) 5-11111 SKY BEAUTY 49 (G Hofmann) H Jerkens 4-8-11 ... M Smith
9 (10) 9-32122 EXCHANGE 28 (C Spero) 6-8-11 ... L Pincay

PARI-MUTUEL BETTING: 2-1 Hollywood Wildcat, 5-2 Sky Beauty, 7-2 Heavenly Prize, 10-1 Erin Bird, 12-1 Exchange, Link River, 20-1 One Dreamer, Truly A Dream, 33-1 Miss Dominique.

8.05 BREEDERS' CUP MILE
(£351,351: 1m turf) (14 runners)

1 (1) 25-1422 BARATHEA 42 (Sheikh Mohammed & G Leigh) L Cumani (GB) 4-9-0 ... L Dettori
2 (2) 625146 SKI PARADISE 28 (T Yoshida) A Fabre (Fr) 4-8-11 ... Y Take
3 (4) 2-13314 OCEAN CREST 35 (Lazy Lane Farms) F Brothers 3-8-11 ... L Pincay
4 (5) 251215 DISTANT VIEW 42 (Juddmonte Farms) H Cecil (GB) 3-8-11 ... Pat Eddery
5 (6) 6-10431 BIGSTONE 20 (D Wildenstein) E Lellouche (Fr) 4-9-0 ... O Peslier
6 (7) -211120 EAST OF THE MOON 42 (S Niarchos) F Boutin (Fr) 3-8-8 ... C Asmussen
7 (8) 411431 ALICE SPRINGS 20 (Augustin Stables) J Sheppard 4-8-11 ... R Douglas
8 (11) -131401 BLUES TRAVELLER 35 (G Tanaka) R Rash 4-9-0 ... G Stevens
9 (12) 1-11212 MEGAN'S INTERCO 27 (M Browsen) J Sabadi 5-9-0 ... C Black
10 (13) -313012 MISSED FLIGHT 20 (W Grubmuller) C Wall (GB) 4-9-0 ... G Duffield
11 (14) -122112 LURE 28 (Claiborne Farm & N Gonzalez) C McGaughey 5-9-0 ... M Smith
12F (3) 211222 UNFINISHED SYMPH 28 (T Hatcher, F Rice & W Ward) W Ward 3-8-11 ... G Baze
13F (9) 433363 JOHANN QUATZ 20 (T Hebelmann) R McAnally 5-9-0 ... A Solis
14F (10) 214104 DOMINANT PROSPECT 28 (C Cascio) G Schiro 4-9-0 ... J Chavez

PARI-MUTUEL BETTING: 2-1 Lure, 6-1 East Of the Moon, Ski Paradise, 8-1 Bigstone, Megan's Interco, 10-1 Barathea, Distant View, 16-1 Missed Flight, 20-1 Dominant Prospect, Johann Quatz & Unfinished Symph (combined as the field in all pools), Alice Springs, Blues Traveller, Ocean Crest.



Cumani, left, and Dettori challenge with Barathea

8.40 BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE
(£351,351: 1m 110yd dirt) (14 runners)

1 (4) 3043 STRONG ALLY 27 (Thoroughbred Corp) R Mulhall 8-10 ... L Pincay
1A (14) 1321 SUPREMO 27 (Thoroughbred Corp) R Mulhall 8-10 ... G Stevens
2 (2) 42111 TALKIN MAN 13 (Kinghaven Farms & H Stollery) R Attfield (Can) 8-10 ... M Smith
3 (3) 311 ON TARGET 28 (V Winchell) R McAnally 8-10 ... A Solis
4 (5) 3122 CINCH 13 (J Tafel) C Nafzger 8-10 ... C Perret
5 (6) 21113 ELTISH 22 (Juddmonte Farms) H Cecil (GB) 8-10 ... Pat Eddery
6 (8) 361131 TIMBER COUNTRY 28 (Gainesway Farm & L & W Young) D W Lukas 8-10 ... P Day
7 (9) 1211 TEJANO RUN 13 (R Monroe) K McPeek 8-10 ... J Bailey
8 (10) 11111 EVANSVILLE SLEW 13 (R Sanford) B Von Hemel 8-10 ... P Compton
9 (11) 322121 SEA EMPEROR 21 (J Lewis) E Tortora 8-10 ... W Ramos
10 (12) 113 MR PURPLE 41 (A Campbell) R McAnally 8-10 ... C McCarron
11 (13) 16142 SIERRA DIABOLO 28 (L & D Lewis) M Hennig 8-10 ... E Delahoussaye
12F (1) 162631 PINEING PATTY 21 (J Torrone) R Mazlarz 8-10 ... DOUBTFUL
13F (7) 313211 WESTERN ECHO 26 (H & T Meyerhoff) G Delp 8-10 ... E Prado

PARI-MUTUEL BETTING: 7-2 Timber Country, 4-1 Evansville Slew, 5-1 Tejano Run, 8-1 On Target, Sierra Diablo, 10-1 Supremo & Strong Ally (coupled in all pools); Mr Purple, Talkin Man, 12-1 Sea Emperor, 16-1 Cinch, Eltish, 33-1 Western Echo.

9.20 BREEDERS' CUP TURF (£702,703: 1m 4f turf) (14 runners)

1 (6) 302214 DAHLIA'S DREAMER 20 (M Paulson) W Mott 5-8-11 ... J Chavez
1A (14) 123434 FRAISE 28 (M Paulson) W Mott 6-9-0 ... C McCarron
2 (7) 1-44141 RAINTRAP 20 (Juddmonte Farms) R Frankel 4-9-0 ... R Davis
2B (10) 0-1115 BOLAS 80 (Juddmonte Farms) B Hills (GB) 3-8-7 ... Pat Eddery
3 (1) 40-2020 INTREPIDITY 34 (Sheikh Mohammed) A Fabre (Fr) 4-8-11 ... T Jarnet
4 (2) 15-4115 HATOOF 21 (M Al Maktoum) Mme C Head (Fr) 5-8-11 ... W R Swinburn
5 (3) -411340 CELTIC ARMS 34 (J-L Bouchard) P Bary (Fr) 3-8-10 ... K Desormeaux
6 (4) 112112 VAUDEVILLE 28 (R Crockett) F Fierce 3-8-10 ... G Stevens
7 (5) 013223 VOLOCHINE 20 (R C Strauss) R Collet (Fr) 3-8-10 ... J Bailey
8 (8) 54-0010 ONLY ROYALE 34 (F Stronach) L Cumani (GB) 5-8-11 ... L Dettori
9 (9) 345241 TIKKANEN 28 (Augustin Stable) J Pease (Fr) 3-8-10 ... M Smith
10 (11) 0-52160 WHITE MUZZLE 20 (T Yoshida) P Chapple-Hyam (GB) 4-9-0 ... J Reid
11 (12) 100-142 HERNANDO 34 (S Niarchos) F Boutin (Fr) 4-9-0 ... C Asmussen
12 (13) 111211 PARADISE CREEK 21 (M Nishiyama) W Mott 5-9-0 ... P Day

PARI-MUTUEL BETTING: 8-5 Paradise Creek, 5-1 Hernando, 6-1 Hatoof, 8-1 Tikkanen, Vaudeville, 10-1 Raintrap & Bolas (coupled in all pools), 16-1 Celtic Arms, Intrepidity, 20-1 Dahlia's Dreamer & Fraise (coupled in all pools), Only Royale, Volochine, White Muzzle.

10.05 BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC
(£1,054,054: 1m 2f dirt) (14 runners)

1 (6) 0-20123 BEST PAL 42 (Golden Eagle Farm) R Mandella 6-9-0 ... C McCarron
1A (13) 412312 DRAMATIC GOLD 21 (Golden Eagle Farm) D Hofmans 3-8-10 ... C Nakatani
2 (1) 141211 CEZANNE 56 (Godolphin) M Stoute (GB) 5-9-0 ... E Delahoussaye
3 (2) 101423 FLAG DOWN 28 (A Paulson & Partners) J Hammond (Fr) 4-9-0 ... J Santos
4 (3) 122340 GO FOR GIN 28 (W Condren & J Cornacchia) N Zito 3-8-10 ... L Pincay
5 (4) 112314 TABASCO CAT 28 (Overbrook Farm & D Reynolds) D W Lukas 3-8-10 ... P Day
6 (7) 0-55311 DERNIER EMPEREUR 21 (G Tanaka & P de Moussac) A Fabre (Fr) 4-9-0 S Guillot
7 (9) 312511 SOUL OF THE MATTER 35 (B Bacharach) R Mandella 3-8-10 ... K Desormeaux
8 (10) -111110 MILLKOM 34 (C Gour) J-C Rouget (Fr) 3-8-10 ... C Asmussen
9 (11) 233232 CONCERN 35 (R Meyerhoff) R Small 3-8-10 ... J Bailey
10 (12) 212851 BERTRANDO 21 (505 Farms & E Nahem) J Shirreffs 5-9-0 ... G Stevens
11 (14) 311222 DEVIL HIS DUE 28 (Lion Crest Stable) H Jerkens 5-9-0 ... M Smith
12F (5) -321014 EZZOUD 34 (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute (GB) 5-9-0 ... W R Swinburn
13F (8) 413432 GRAND LODGE 21 (Lord Howard de Walden) W Jarvis (GB) 3-8-10 ... Pat Eddery

PARI-MUTUEL BETTING: 7-2 Tabasco Cat, 4-1 Devil His Due, 5-1 Best Pal & Dramatic Gold (coupled in all pools), Bertrando, 8-1 Concern, Flag Down, 10-1 Soul Of The Matter, 12-1 Cezanne, Dernier Empereur, 16-1 Millkom, 20-1 Ezzoud & Grand Lodge (coupled as the field in all pools), Go For Gin.

☐ Sky Television will show a 90-minute Breeders' Cup programme, beginning at 9pm. The Turf and the Classic will be covered live.

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER
12.45 Elain Tully. 1.15 Old Bridge. 1.50 Relkeel. 2.25 Dubacilla. 2.55 Jailbreaker. 3.30 River Junction. 4.00 Morpheus.

GOING: GOOD SIS

12.45 GUY FAWKES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,902: 2m 6f) (8 runners)

1 018- ELAINE TULLY 16F (D,S) P Hobbs 6-12-0 ... M Moran (7)
2 -UPP BRINDLEY HOUSE 10 (S) R Curtis 7-11-10 ... D Walsh (3)
3 430- SPIRIT IN THE NITE 199 (G) J Gifford 5-11-2 ... P Hide
4 5-11 ASK THE GOVERNOR 9 (D,F,G,S) G Balding 8-10-9 A P McCoy
5 6-31 ELEGANT KING 29 (F,G,S) A Jarvis 5-10-9 ... P Morris (7)
6 /UF- LANDED GENTRY 245 (G) C Broad 5-10-6 ... N Collum (7)
7 3P5- GOOD INSIGHT 255 (S) C Brooks 6-10-0 ... F Leahy (3)
8 -345 BUSTINELLO 15 (G) G Hubbard 6-10-0 ... A Thornton

6-4 Ask The Governor, 2-1 Elegant King, 9-2 Spirit In The Nite, 5-1 Elaine Tully, 8-1 Good Insight, 20-1 Bustinello, 25-1 others.

1.15 BONFIRE PARTY NOVICES CHASE
(£3,968: 2m) (5)

1 15-1 OLD BRIDGE 31 (G,S) A Turnell 6-11-4 ... S McNeill
2 64F5 JIMMY THE JACKDAW 7 P Butler 7-11-0 ... A Maguire
3 5P-0 RED BEAN 10 (G) J O'Donoghue 6-11-0 ... A Dicken
4 040- SOUND REVEILLE 199 C Brooks 6-11-0 ... G Bradley
5 221- SPUFFINGTON 199 (G) J Gifford 6-11-0 ... P Hide

Evens Old Bridge, 2-1 Spuffington, 9-2 Sound Reveille, 20-1 Jimmy The Jackdaw, 25-1 Red Bean.

1.50 K. P. McVITIE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£4,104: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 121- RELKEEL 238 (D,S) D Nicholson 5-11-10 ... A Maguire
2 50-3 STATAJACK 18 (B,CD,BF,G) D Elsworth 6-10-11 ... P Holley
3 13-3 TEEN JAY 35 (D,F,G,S) S Sherwood 4-10-10 ... J Osborne
4 0-PF PARADISE NAVY 10 (D,S) C Egerton 5-10-7 ... G Bradley
5 /5-0 CO-CHIN 71 (D,S) C Mann 5-10-5 ... M Perrett
6 5-00 GIORDANO 28 (D,S) P Evans 4-10-3 ... F Leahy (7)
7 -542 RICH LIFE 10 (CD,G) C Weedon 4-10-3 ... R Burns (7)

7-4 Relkeel, 11-4 Paradise Navy, 4-1 Teen Jay, 7-1 Statajack, Rich Life, 16-1 Co-Chin, 33-1 Giordano.

2.25 GUNPOWDER PLOT HANDICAP CHASE
(£5,173: 3m 110yd) (4)

1 1-31 DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 7 (C,D,F,G,S) K Bailey 12-12-0 ... F Leahy (5)
2 113- DUBACILLA 212 (D,G,S) D Nicholson 8-11-12 ... A Maguire
3 P4-4 SIBTON ABBEY 29 (D,F,G,S) G Hubbard 9-10-13 Richard Guest
4 614- FIGHTING WORDS 196 (C,D,F,G,S) J Gifford 8-10-13 P Hide (3)

5-4 Docklands Express, 6-4 Dubacilla, 4-1 Fighting Words, 14-1 Sibton Abbey.

2.55 GUINNESS TAKE HOME HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,418: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1 F2-5 BLFAST 10 (C,D,F,G,S) J Webber 11-12-0 ... G McCourt
2 2-12 GLEMOT 14 (BF,F,G,S) K Bailey 6-10-1 ... F Leahy (5)
3 22-2 JAILBREAKER 11 (CD,G,S) B Millman 7-10-0 ... J Osborne
4 1-24 ROC COLOR 24 (G,S) C Brooks 5-10-0 ... A P McCoy (5)
5 53-U SCOLE 14 (G) G Hubbard 9-10-0 ... A Maguire

2-1 Jailbreaker, 9-4 Glemot, 3-1 Bfast, 7-1 Scole, 8-1 Roc Color.

3.30 FIREWORK NIGHT JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£3,193: 2m 110yd) (13)

1 2122 GREENBACK 15 (F,S) P Hobbs 11-7 ... Peter Hobbs
2 11 JUBILEE ROYALE 54 (D,F) G Hubbard 11-7 ... G Bazin (7)
3 1P32 PLATO'S REPUBLIC 10 (D,F) J Jenkins 11-4 ... G McCourt
4 42 CLIFTON SET 21 M Channon 11-0 ... A Thornton
5 COLONEL COLT 18F R Dickin 11-0 ... G Bradley
6 ELA MAN HOWA 10F R Akehurst 11-0 ... S Ryan (7)
7 PRINCE DE BERRY 68F J Gifford 11-0 ... P Hide (3)
8 RIVER JUNCTION 77F D Nicholson 11-0 ... A Maguire
9 SHOOFK 11F S Dow 11-0 ... A Dicken
10 140 DAKOTA GIRL 7 (G) G Balding 10-13 ... B Clifford
11 0 KALASADI 15 Miss J Doyle 10-11 ... S Curran (5)
12 CIRCLE OF FRIENDS 18F N Twiston-Davies 10-9 ... T Jenks (3)
13 PRISCILLA ROSE 39F C Allen 10-9 ... J McLaughlin

5-2 Circle Of Friends, 4-1 River Junction, 9-2 Greenback, 7-1 Ela Man Howa, 8-1 Clifton Set, 10-1 Jubilee Royale, Prince De Berry, 12-1 others.

4.00 EBF NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£2,103: 2m 110yd) (21)

1 1 MORPHEUS 10 (F) D Nicholson 5-11-7 ... Mr J Connolly (5)
2 BADBURY BOY Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-11-0 Mr G Shenkin (7)
3 CAMPECHE BAY G Balding 5-11-0 ... A P McCoy (5)
4 0 COMMANDER TOM 45 T Clement 5-11-0 ... Mr T J Power (7)
5 DERRING TIRLEY J Smith 4-11-0 ... Mr G Hogan (5)
6 IRENE'S PET J Long 4-11-0 ... R Moore (7)
7 JACK RUSSELL N Henderson 5-11-0 ... N Willmington (7)
8 LOGICAL STEP D Gandolfo 4-11-0 ... R Farrant
9 MR PRIMETIME C Brooks 4-11-0 ... M Berry (7)
10 RED LIGHTER J Old 5-11-0 ... Pat Thompson (7)
11 RIVER ROOM K Bailey 4-11-0 ... F Leahy (5)
12 SECRET HAUL C Popham 4-11-0 ... B Murphy (5)
13 SIR KINGSLEY J Moore 6-11-0 ... L McGrath (7)
14 0- STEEL BELLS 206 C Brooks 5-11-0 ... Mr E James (7)
15 TIMPANY DRUM J Akehurst 5-11-0 ... J McCarthy (3)
16 WARFIELD LAD K Bailey 5-11-0 ... A Thornton
17 WARRIOR BARD Miss H Knight 4-11-0 ... S Curran (5)
18 0-0 MISS DISKIN 15 R Buckler 5-10-9 ... D Leahy (3)
19 PEARL EPEE D Nicholson 5-10-9 ... R Massey (7)
20 SWING QUARTET N Twiston-Davies 4-10-9 ... T Jenks (3)
21 TAMERGALE N Twiston-Davies 5-10-9 ... Mr M Rimell (7)

5-2 Morpheus, 5-1 River Room, 6-1 Tamergale, 8-1 Jack Russell, 10-1 Warfield Lad, Red Lighter, Mr Primetime, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Turnell, 6 winners from 14 runners, 42.9%; D Nicholson, 20 from 59, 33.9%; Miss H Knight, 4 from 17, 23.5%; J Gifford, 24 from 122, 19.7%; S Dow, 3 from 16, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: A Dicken, 3 winners from 13 rides, 23.1%; P Hide, 5 from 23, 21.7%; A Maguire, 12 from 60, 20%; M Perrett, 8 from 44, 18.2%; G McCourt, 3 from 18, 16.7%; J Osborne, 15 from 92, 16.3%.

NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER
1.10 Master Bavard. 1.40 Ole Ole. 2.15 Chief Minister. 2.45 Seagull Hollow. 3.15 Viva Bella. 3.50 Mystic Memory.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

1.10 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £1,956: 2m 110yd) (11 runners)

1 AQUASEEKER C Bell 4-11-0 ... K Johnson
2 2-31 BRIAR'S DELIGHT 38 (V,G) R Allan 6-11-0 ... S Melrose (7)
3 4 COOL JAMES 26 M Barnes 5-11-0 ... G Cahill (7)
4 2-05 CROFTON LAKE 29 J Dixon 6-11-0 ... L O'Hara
5 00-6 JUMPING CACTUS 3 S Pittendrigh 5-11-0 ... Mr A Manners (7)
6 5P-2 MASTER BAVARD 44 (G) P Monteith 6-11-0 ... A Dobbin
7 40 MR DICK 9 M H Easterby 4-11-0 ... L Wyer
8 SUGGESTION G Coatsworth 6-11-0 ... D Bentley (3)
9 ANOTHER CHAPTER J Johnson 4-10-9 ... N Williamson
10 3-63 EMERALD CHARM 17 J Charlton 6-10-9 ... B Storey
11 TOPOTHENORTHRACING P Beaumont 4-10-9 ... C Hawkins

11-4 Master Bavard, 3-1 Briar's Delight, 9-2 Emerald Charm, 6-1 others.

1.40 TOP OF THE NORTH NOVICES CHASE
(£2,736: 3m) (8)

1 5/01 OLE OLE 25 (D,F,S) Mrs E Moscrop 8-11-5 ... P Niven
2 2-41 STRONG DEEL 17 (CD,F) W Reed 6-11-5 ... T Reed
3 BOSWORTH FIELD J Johnson 6-11-0 ... N Williamson
4 0-3F FORWARD GLEN 17 (F) P Cheesbrough 7-11-0 ... K Johnson
5 55-2 HIGHLANDMAN 28 J Haldane 8-11-0 ... N Doughty
6 55-3 KILCOLGAN 17 Mrs J Goodfellow 7-11-0 ... B Storey
7 1/P4 ONE FOR THE CHIEF 10 (G,S) R Whitaker 6-11-0 ... C Hawkins
8 030/ SCARLET BERRY 556 R Brewis 6-10-9 ... G Harker

7-4 Strong Deel, 7-2 Forward Glen, 4-1 Ole Ole, 6-1 Kilcolgan, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Cheesbrough, 9 winners from 30 runners, 30.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 15 from 68, 22.1%; N Tinkler, 5 from 26, 19.2%; M Easterby, 9 from 51, 17.6%; J Johnson, 13 from 82, 15.9%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 20 winners from 103 rides 19.4%; L Wyer, 11 from 63, 17.5%; T Reed, 15 from 88, 17.0%; A Dobbin, 6 from 43, 14.0%; D J Moffatt, 4 from 29, 13.8%; B Storey, 14 from 110, 12.7%.

2.15 EKBALCO HURDLE
(Limited handicap: £6,678. 2m 110yd) (6)

1 01U- MORCELI 234 (C,D,G,S) J Johnson 6-12-0 ... N Williamson
2 45-6 CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE 7 (D,S) M H Easterby 5-11-10 L Wyer
3 02-0 HOME COUNTIES 7 (V,D,S) D Moffatt 5-11-8 ... D J Moffatt (3)
4 11-1 CHIEF MINISTER 17 (CD,F) T Dyer 5-11-6 ... A Dobbin
5 12-4 SURREY DANCER 15 (D,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-5 ... P Niven
6 F1U- SKELETOR 333 (CD,G,S) W Cunningham 11-10-7 ... W Fry (7)

7-4 Morceli, 3-1 Surrey Dancer, 7-2 Chief Minister, 9-2 Cumbrian Challenge, 9-1 Home Counties, 25-1 Skeletor.

2.45 SWIFT NOVICES CHASE
(£2,723: 2m 110yd) (4)

1 00P- CARDINAL SINNER 196 J Wade 5-11-0 ... K Jones
2 1P0/ EXCISE MAN 189P (G) F Watson 6-11-0 ... Mr A Robson
3 4P-3 SEAGULL HOLLOW 8 (G,S) M H Easterby 5-11-0 ... L Wyer
4 334- SPANISH FAIR 287 (F) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-0 ... J Burke (5)

4-5 Seagull Hollow, 11-8 Spanish Fair, 6-1 Excise Man, 25-1 Cardinal Sinner

3.15 PEATY SANDY HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,030: 3m 6f) (4)

1 12-1 UNHOLY ALLIANCE 9 (F,G,S) K Bailey 7-11-7 ... N Williamson
2 242- BLUFF KNOLL 192 (C,F,G,S) R Brewis 11-11-6 ... G Harker
3 P11- VIVA BELLA 200 (B,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 7-11-4 ... J Burke (5)
4 U22- DURHAM SUNSET 197 (F,G,S) J Johnson 7-10-12 ... N Doughty

5-4 Unholy Alliance, 5-2 Durham Sunset, 3-1 Viva Bella, 7-1 Bluff Knoll

3.50 JACKDAW HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,827: 3m) (6)

1 2-13 MYSTIC MEMORY 15F (D,BF,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-10 ... P Niven
2 110- PURITAN 16F (F,G,S) N Tinkler 5-11-5 ... E Husband (5)
3 6-06 NORTHUMBRIAN KING 8 (C,F,G) Mrs K Walton 8-11-0 ... J Callaghan
4 6-05 HAZEL LEAF 3 (G,S) R McDonald 8-10-0 ... R Hodge
5 5-PP SHELTON ABBEY 7 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Wade 8-10-0 N Williamson
6 335- CLASSIC STATEMENT 159 (D,V,F,S) J Hellens 8-10-0 ... A Lamach (3)

5-4 Mystic Memory, 5-2 Puritan, 5-1 Hazel Leaf, 7-1 Northumbrian King, 12-1 Classic Statement, 16-1 Shelton Abbey

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Doncaster: 2.30 Gone For A Burton 3.05 Purple Splash

Danoli returns to the fray

DANOLI, the ante-post Champion Hurdle favourite, makes his seasonal reappearance at Punchestown tomorrow (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

Danoli, who will again be ridden by Charlie Swan, was the impressive winner of the Sun Alliance Hurdle at the Cheltenham festival and Aintree's Martell Hurdle last season but his trainer, Tom Foley, said yesterday that his horse will not be at his peak for tomorrow's Morgiana Hurdle over 2¼ miles.

The Morgiana Hurdle is a warm-up for a likely clash with Fortune and Fame. Dermot Weld's contender, at Fairyhouse early next month, but it will be a surprise if Danoli fails to beat his four rivals.

Danoli, who captured the imagination of the British and Irish racing public as a novice, worked on the Curragh last week and pleased his connections.

Meanwhile, a young National Hunt jockey fast making a name for himself is Tony Dobbin, who rode a 233-1 four-timer at Hexham yesterday.

The 22-year-old, whose previous best day's work was a double, gained the hundredth success of his career when partnering the 10-1 chance, Ninfa, to a comfortable victory in the Federation Brewery Novices' Chase.

The 14-length winner is trained by Gordon Richards, who signed up Dobbin as his stable jockey last month.

Dobbin followed up with Peter Monteith's Flash Of Realm (11-10) and completed his four-timer with two more for Richards, Tartan Tradewinds (7-2) and Earlymorning Light (5-4).

Dobbin rode his first winner on the Flat, partnering Stay Awake at Hamilton in 1990. Stay Awake is still going strong as a chaser and won his sixteenth race at Market Rasen yesterday.

Another jockey celebrating was Wendyll Woods, who gained his fiftieth success of the Flat season when partnering Trans Siberia to victory at Doncaster.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Doncaster

Going: soft

12.30 (7f) 1, GRANDINARE (S Whitworth, 15-2); 2, Out On A Promise (M Hills, 3-1 fav); 3, Salaman (T Quinn, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Bedouin Invader, 8 Fasih (5th), Istabraq, 9 Super Hero, 12 Kraton Garden, 20 Expansive Runner, Maeterlinck, 25 Advance East, Nordic Breeze, 33 Deauville Dancer, Hong Kong Designer, Prime Property, Rocky Melody, White Heat (4th), 50 Cashmere, Jalmad (6th). 19 ran. NR: Anstop. ¾l, 1½l, 1¼l, shd, ½l. P Chapple-Hyam at Manton. Tote: £13.50; £2.70, £1.50, £3.90. DF: £14.00. CSF: £30.85.

1.00 (7f) 1, TAIPAN (T Quinn, 12-1); 2, Meghdoot (J Quinn, 5-1 jt-fav); 3, Sheer Danzig (R Price, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 jt-fav Sclatum, 6 Penparetic, 8 Al Helal, Night Excellence, 12 Cutpurse Moll, 16 Mutabassim (4th), 25 Marchant Ming, The Banshee (5th), 33 Born To Please, Godmersham Park, Our Own Aisling, Pock Group, Solor Dancer, 50 Hyters Girl, Leading Spirit, Yaverland (6th). 19 ran. ¾l, 4l, 8l, ½l, ½l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £11.90; £3.80, £1.40, £2.70. DF: £18.80. CSF: £69.69.

1.30 (6f) 1, SCENIC HEIGHTS (R Price, 11-2); 2, Innocence (M Hills, 8-1); 3, Blue Sioux (J Williams, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Magrate's Point (5th), 8 Shot The Sheriff, 10 Yaa Wale, 12 Run-Do-Run, 14 Treasure Keay, Zygo (6th), 16 Pure Mint, 20 Cafe Glace, Music Please, 25 Port Augusta, 33 Barrel Of Hope (4th), Keeper's Grey, La Thuile, Peggy Spencer, Young Benson, 50 Super High, To The Rest. 20 ran. NR: Relentless. 2½l, 1½l, 1½l, nk, nk. R Armstrong at Newmarket. Tote: £9.80; £2.50, £2.10, £8.90. DF: £67.10. CSF: £50.17.

2.00 (1m 6f 132yd) 1, TRANS SIBERIA (W Woods, 11-8 fav); 2, One Voice (K Darley, 9-2); 3, Miroswaki (J Quinn, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Kerkura (4th), 20 Brother Beacon, Manmel, 33 Charterer (6th), 50 Thrower (5th). 8 ran. 3l, 3½l, 8l, 7l, 14l. S Woods at Newmarket. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £1.70, £2.40. DF: £3.00. CSF: £7.41.

2.35 (1m 2f 60yd) 1, GRECIAN SLIPPER (K Darley, 5-1); 2, Sharp Falcon (R Cochrane, 9-2); 3, Threatening (T Quinn, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Katsura (4th), 7 Minstrel's Gift (5th), 8 Gara Yaka (6th), 50 Penny Ramble, Polly Peculiar, Truthful, Try Again Jane. 10 ran. 3l, 1½l, 3l, 3½l, 1½l. W Hern at Lambourn. Tote: £4.90; £2.20, £1.30, £1.50. DF: £12.30. Trio: £26.20. CSF: £24.74.

3.05 (5f) 1, PERRYSTON VIEW (Dale Gibson, 5-1); 2, Able Sheriff (C Munday, 12-1); 3, Perfect Bertie (J Fanning, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Top Pearl, 5 Arasong (5th), Dominelle (4th), 10 C-Yer-Simmie (6th), 14 Deerdaw, 16 Baby Bob. 9 ran. 5l, ½l, hd, 1½l, nk. P Calver at Ripon. Tote: £6.30; £1.80, £3.90, £1.60. DF: £44.00. Trio: £51.00. CSF: £59.07. Tricast: £295.11.

3.35 (1m) 1, ROYAL PHILOSOPHER (J Tate, 14-1); 2, Beauchamp Jazz (W Carson, 11-10 fav); 3, Posidonas (T Quinn, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Legitimate (5th), 8 Penndia, 14 Streaky Hawk (4th), 25 Fearless Venture, Ocean Hawk (6th). 8 ran. 3½l, 1¼l, shd, 2l, 7l. K McAuliffe at Lambourn. Tote: £19.30; £2.10, £1.10, £1.50. DF: £11.60. CSF: £29.18. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

4.05 (7f) 1, JOLTO (C Teague, 9-1); 2, Sandmoor Denim (S Webster, 9-1); 3, Samah (T Quinn, 9-2 fav); 4, Halmanerror (J Fanning, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 9 First Gold, 10 Night In A Million, 12 Bayin, Desert Lora, Manhattan Sunset, 14 Achares, Ochos Rios, 16 Current Speech, Garnock Valley (6th), Jigsaw Boy, Mullitover (5th), True Precision, 25 Densben, Robellion, 33 Fighter Squadron, Lucky Message, 50 Kartak. 21 ran. NR: Leigh Crofter. ¾l, hd, sh hd, 1½l, nk. K Cunningham-Brown at Stockbridge. Tote: £10.70; £1.90, £4.10, £2.30, £2.40. DF: £123.90. Trio: £107.80. CSF: £94.06. Tricast: £399.25.

Jackpot: not won (pool carried forward of £7,643.64 to Doncaster today).

Placepot: £238.60. Quadpot: not won (pool of carried forward £164.89 to Doncaster today).

Market Rasen

Going: good

1.10 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, MR VINCENT (A S Smith, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Broctune Bay (P Niven, 9-2); 3, Gallardini (R Dunwoody, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt-fav Noyan, 6 High Mind, 10 Tykeyvor, 12 Barney's Gift (5th), Persian Lion, 20 Lida's Delight, 33 Broughpark Azalea, Scrabo View (4th), Stylish Rose, 50 Book Of Dreams, Coalisland, 66 Crystal Minstrel, Lord Nitrogen (6th), Scottish Wedding, 100 Celtic Rising (pu), Collax Starlight, Prospect Of Whitby. 20 ran. 9l, hd, 20l, 2½l, 5l. R Morgan at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £4.40; £1.80, £2.40, £2.00. DF: £7.60. CSF: £21.83.

1.40 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, DURHAM (M Dwyer, 100-30 fav); 2, Dame Prospect (S McNeill, 5-1); 3, Easy For Me (D Wilkinson, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Celestial Dance (5th), 7 Lincoln Treasure (4th), 10 Frankly My Dear, Sure Gain (pu), 14 Petal's Jarred (6th), 16 Nandura, 25 Goldenberry (pu), 33 Mrs Jogglebury (pu), Wadada (f), 50 Quessong, 66 Auntie Chris (ref), Suzy Lloyd. 15 ran. NR: Acha Larka, Gunner Be Good, Linstone Lady, Window Display. 2½l, 7l, 10l, 1¼l, 30l. N Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £2.10; £1.50, £1.60, £4.50. DF: £6.70. CSF: £18.83. Bought in 4,400gns.

2.15 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, STAY AWAKE (P Niven, 6-4 fav); 2, Dancing River (R Dunwoody, 7-2); 3, Clares Own (A Maguire, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Kind'A Smart (6th), 10 Tresidder (4th), 33 Circulation (5th). 6 ran. 3½l, 4l, 2½l, 25l, 20l. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.90. DF: £4.10. CSF: £6.79. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

2.45 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, ZAJIRA (R Garritty, 7-2); 2, Vasiliev (R Dunwoody, 7-1); 3, Gymcrak Sovereign (R Marley, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Auburn Boy (pu), 5 What If (4th), 16 Northern Nation (6th), 20 Easby Mandrina, Who's Tef, 33 Bitran (5th). 9 ran. 4l, 10l, hd, 1½l, 30l. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote: £4.70; £1.50, £1.60, £3.20. DF: £10.50. Trio: £71.00. CSF: £27.19. Tricast: £246.01.

3.15 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, FLAMEWOOD (D Bridgwater, 3-1); 2, Dark Silhouette (M Brennan, 16-1); 3, The Lorryman (T Reed, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Go Ballistic (5th), 7-2 Le Meille (6th), 10 Marsden Rock (ur), 11 Seahawk Retriever (pu), 25 Ask For Barney (4th), 33 Midnight Harvest, 50 Highland Heights (pu), 66 Pandora's Fire (pu), Rostino, Twice In One Night, 100 Golden Supreme. 14 ran. 1¾l, 11l, 7l, 12l, 10l. Mrs D Haine at Newmarket. Tote: £4.60; £1.20, £3.50, £3.00. DF: £42.10. CSF: £48.26.

3.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, DARK OAK (L O'Hara, 14-1); 2, Evening Riot (L Harvey, 9-2); 3, Mischievous Girl (T Reed, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Gorteara (ur), 9-2 Degaz (fell), 10 Strong Measure (6th), 14 Master's Crown (pu), 20 Hicksons Choice, Negatory (4th), Overflowing River (f), 25 Ragtime Cowboy Joe, 50 Swinging Song (5th). 12 ran. NR: Man Of The Grange. 4l, 20l, 1l, 4l, 14l. J Curtis at Driffield. Tote: £17.10; £3.10, £1.80, £14.90. DF: £84.50. CSF: £70.90.

4.15 (1m 5f 110yd) 1, SIGMA RUN (T Jenks, 9-4 fav); 2, Star Of David (Mr T McCarthy, 14-1); 3, Gorby's Myth (F Leahy, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Risky Bid, 6 Speaker Weatherill (6th), 10 Hey Bingo, Tommy The Baker, 11 Reach For The Moon, 12 Rymer's Express, 14 Billy Brighton (4th), 16 Asmanna (5th), Polly Two, 20 Coup De Vent, 25 Bertie, 50 Chuckles. 15 ran. 11l, 2½l, 4l, 1½l, 3½l. J Edwards at Ross-on-Wye. Tote: £3.00; £1.20, £5.30, £5.50. DF: £22.80. CSF: £38.65.

Placepot: £507.60. Quadpot: not won (pool of £48.10 carried forward to Doncaster today).

Hexham

Going: good

1.20 (3m 1f ch) 1, Ninfa (A Dobbin, 10-1); 2, Howcleuch (12-1); 3, Polishing (7-1). Son Of Iris 3-1 fav. 12 ran. NR: Sarona Smith. 14l, dist. G Richards. Tote: £10.40; £2.00, £4.30, £2.60. DF: £51.80. CSF: £111.33.

1.50 (2m hdle) 1, Milne's A Villain (Peter Hobbs, 15-2); 2, Ingletonian (7-2); 3, Tropneved (25-1). Wessi's Nanny 11-4 fav. 14 ran. 3½l, 7l. T Dyer. Tote: £9.70; £1.70, £1.90, £2.90. DF: £14.80. CSF: £34.54. No bid.

2.25 (2m 110yd) 1, Flash Of Realm (A Dobbin, 11-10 fav); 2, Man Of Moreef (9-1); 3, Port In A Storm (9-1). 10 ran. NR: Mils Mij. 2½l, 7l. P Monteith. Tote: £2.00; £2.10, £2.50, £2.30. DF: £11.00. Trio: £46.00. CSF: £12.29. Tricast: £56.54.

2.55 (2m hdle) 1, Royal Citizen (D Byrne, 6-1); 2, Perfect Light (7-1); 3, Corston Racer (25-1). Know-No-No 7-4 fav. 15 ran. ½l, 10l. J Bottomley. Tote: £7.30; £2.20, £2.90, £12.60. DF: £44.20. Trio: £176.60 (part won, pool of £201.49 carried forward to 2.30 Doncaster today). CSF: £49.04. Tricast: £330.20.

3.25 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Tartan Tradewinds (A Dobbin, 7-2); 2, Houghton (3-1 fav); 3, Strong Approach (10-1). 11 ran. 2l, 2½l. G Richards. Tote: £4.90; £1.70, £1.80, £2.40. DF: £5.80. Trio: £45.00. CSF: £13.85. Tricast: £87.75.

3.55 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Earlymorning Light (A Dobbin, 5-4 fav); 2, D'Arblay Street (33-1); 3, Last Refuge (16-1). 9 ran. NR: Spectre Brown. 5l, 2l. G Richards. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £23.40, £2.40. DF: £34.00. CSF: £36.21.

Placepot: £142.50. Quadpot: £11.70.

☐ Durham, a half-brother to Sheikh Albadou, winner of the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Churchill Downs three years ago, landed the selling hurdle at Market Rasen yesterday.

RACING FIXTURES

MONDAY: Folkestone (first race, 1.00), Carlisle (12.45).
TUESDAY: Sedgefield (12.50), Southwell (1.00), Fontwell Park (1.40).
WEDNESDAY: Lingfield Park (AW, 1.10), Worcester (1.00), Newbury (1.20).
THURSDAY: Towcester (1.00), Kelso (1.10), Taunton (1.20).
FRIDAY: Lingfield Park (AW, 1.10), Ayr (1.00), Cheltenham (BBC, 1.20) Huntingdon (12.45).
SATURDAY: Ayr (12.20), Cheltenham (BBC, 12.40), Nottingham (12.50), Windsor (1.30), Wolverhampton (AW, 7.00).
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McCague's return yields dividend for England

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN ADELAIDE

MARTIN McCague examined the pitch here on Thursday and said: "I've seen harder." After running through South Australia on the first morning of this four-day match, he could say of the batting: "I've seen better." McCague took five for 31 as England, led by Mike Gatting, dismissed the state side for 102.

It was not the lowest score they have made against England. In 1903 they were bowled out for 77. But this was not a distinguished performance. In support of McCague, Joey Benjamin took two of the six wickets to fall before lunch and Craig White finished the innings with three wickets in successive overs.

Gatting won a good toss, and the ball jagged, cut, swung and bounced all morning. There was enough deviation to keep the *Just A Minute* radio panellists in conversation for a year, not to mention repetition and, on the batsmen's part, hesitation. At 21 for six, after an hour's play, even a score of 102 seemed a distant land.

This is not a typical Adelaide pitch. The groundsman watered it earlier this week, rain duly followed when it was not expected and the square resembled a patchwork quilt of mauve and deep green. It was on a similar pitch here that England bowled out Pakistan for 74 in a World Cup match two years ago that was later abandoned. Derek Pringle took three for eight that day.

White will have enjoyed his day almost as much as McCague. Both men are graduates of the Australian Cricket Academy, which is based six miles from Adelaide. Now they are keen to make a formidable early impression in the land where they grew up.

McCague also excelled as a fielder, taking a sharp low catch at third slip to dismiss McIntyre, the only batsman other than Siddons to reach double figures. For a big man McCague gets down well, and has a safe pair of hands. The way he felt last night he could probably juggle a box of eggs without making an omelette. He is the rhythm bowler *par excellence* and, once he has found some, he can be formidable even when he bowls into the breeze, as he did here. There is always the temptation, when the pitch is helpful, either to bowl too fast, too short or both. McCague mixed it up, forcing the batsmen to defend their chests one ball, their toes the next, and cutting it savagely off a drying pitch.

His first ball brought a wicket when Nobes drove to gully. Two balls later it was nought for two when Hick held the first of his three catches at second slip. "You'll have a job getting the ball off me now," McCague told Gatting at the end of the over. When he came off ten overs later, his figures were four for 16.

Much of the batting, it must be said, was irresolute. Only Siddons, the captain, who made 31 before driving over McCague's yorker, showed the necessary application.

Gough went unrewarded although he bowled well enough and was robbed of a wicket when Hick dropped McIntyre.

Tufnell, the other bowler returning to the team, did not get on, held one catch and dropped another, a difficult one dropping over his left shoulder two balls before the innings ended. England will look to give him a decent bowl in the second innings when they should have secured a big enough advantage not to have to bat again.

Crawley went early when England replied, caught at second slip in the third over for a duck. Gooch was in magnificent form, going to 50 from 53 balls with seven fours. He really is a marvel. At times it is quite moving to watch him preparing for even routine games like this, as he punishes himself to get fit. His hooking in particular was outstanding, helped though he was by bowlers who adopted the wrong length altogether.

After rain stopped play, Gooch was leg-before to Blewett when he clearly thought the ball was missing leg stump. The problem for England is where to accommodate him. He has started the tour in prime form batting at the top of the order yet he is earmarked for the No 5 spot, even though Alec Stewart has yet to play a game on this tour. It is a minor problem, but one which must be resolved satisfactorily before England begin the Test series.

Hick was batting superbly when rain returned to abort the day. South Australia bowled poorly at him, too, and he pulled and drove the bowlers savagely. In this form one would not bet against him making more runs this winter than any player on either side. On this peculiar ground, where the straight boundary is abnormally long, two of his nine boundaries were all run. Even the rain could not deprive England of satisfaction at the end of the day.

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: First Innings

G S Blewett c Tufnell b Benjamin ... 9
P Nobes c White b McCague ... 0
J A Brayshaw c Hick b McCague ... 0
D S Webber c Hick b McCague ... 2
M P Faull c Hick b Benjamin ... 5
*J D Siddons b McCague ... 31
†T J Nielsen c Crawley b McCague ... 2
P E McIntyre c McCague b White ... 16
S George c Gough b White ... 3
D J Hickey not out ... 16
M Minagall c Thorpe b White ... 5
Extras (3 lb, 5 nb) ... 13
Total ... 102

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-0, 3-10, 4-17, 5-18, 6-21, 7-78, 8-81, 9-86.

BOWLING: Gough 9-5-19-0; McCague 15-3-31-5; Benjamin 8-1-36-2; White 4.5-2-13-3.

ENGLAND: First Innings

G A Gooch lbw b Blewett ... 50
J P Crawley c Siddons b George ... 0
G A Hick not out ... 52
G P Thorpe not out ... 6
Extras (4 lb, 1 nb) ... 6
Total (2 wkts) ... 114

*M W Gatting, C White, †S J Rhodes, D Gough, M J McCague, J E Benjamin and P C R Tufnell to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-97.

BOWLING: George 9-3-38-1; Hickey 8.3-2-41-0; Blewett 6-0-31-1.

Umpires: D J Harper and C D Timmins.



McCague, the England fast bowler, turns to appeal as McIntyre waits anxiously. Photograph: Rebeccca Naden

McGrath leads final attempt to square series

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE fast-bowling partnership of Glenn McGrath and Craig McDermott spearheaded Australia's attempt yesterday to win the third and final Test match in Lahore and level the series against Pakistan.

Pakistan, 82 behind after the first innings, ended the fourth day on 137 for five, leading by a meagre 55 and with their hopes of saving the game resting on the captain, Salim Malik, who was unbeaten on 59, and Aamir Sohail on four. McGrath after a fiery opening spell, ended the day with three for 38 from 12 overs and was supported by McDermott and the off-spinner, Tim May, with a wicket each.

Australia added 111 to their overnight score of 344 for five before they were bowled out 35 minutes after lunch. Langer, who resumed on 38, went on to his highest Test score of 69 and shared a sixth-wicket stand of 84 with Warne, who contributed 38.

Pakistan's slump started immediately when McGrath had Basit Ali, promoted to open while Sohail was nursing a stiff neck, caught behind by Emery for two in his second over. Eight runs later, with the total on 28, McDermott combined with Emery to remove Inzamam-ul-Haq for three.

Salim, who made 75 in the first innings, and Saeed Anwar put on 32 for the third wicket before McGrath struck again as Saeed edged an outswinger to give Emery his third catch. Then McGrath trapped Ijaz Ahmed leg-before for five, and May had the wicketkeeper, Moin Khan, caught at backward point on 16, attempting to square cut.

☐ The Pakistan bowlers, Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis, yesterday denied a rift with the captain, Salim Malik, caused their dramatic withdrawal from the third Test just before the start. Akram, who lost the captaincy in January after a revolt by team members, complained of sinus trouble and Younis reported a hamstring injury.

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN: First innings 373 (Moin Khan 115 no, Salim Malik 75, S K Warne 6-136)

Second innings

Basit Ali c Phil Emery b McGrath ... 2
Saeed Anwar c Emery b McGrath ... 32
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Emery b McDermott ... 3
* Salim Malik not out ... 59
Ijaz Ahmed lbw b McGrath ... 6
† Moin Khan c McDermott b May ... 16
Aamir Sohail not out ... 4
Extras: (b 2, lb 8, nb 5) ... 15
Total: (5 wickets) ... 137

Mushtaq Ahmed, Akram Raza, Aqib Javed, Mohsin Kamal to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-20, 2-28, 3-60, 4-74, 5-107.

BOWLING. McDermott 10-1-41-1, McGrath 12-0-38-3, Warne 10-1-31-0, May 7-3-12-1, Bevan 1-0-5-0.

AUSTRALIA: First innings

M J Slater c Moin b Kamal ... 74
* M A Taylor c Anwar b Mushtaq ... 32
D C Boon c Moin b Raza ... 5
† P A Emery not out ... 8
M E Waugh c Moin b Kamal ... 71
M G Bevan c (sub) Nadeem Khan b Mushtaq ... 91
J L Langer c Ijaz b Kamal ... 69
S K Warne c and b Kamal ... 33
C J McDermott c and b Mushtaq ... 29
T B A May c Moin b Raza ... 10
G D McGrath b Mushtaq ... 3
Extras: (b 3, lb 17, nb 8, w 2) ... 30
Total: ... 455

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-97, 2-106, 3-126, 4-248, 5-318, 6-402, 7-408, 8-443, 9-450.

BOWLING: Aqib Javed 31-9-75-0, Mohsin Kamal 28-2-116-4, Mushtaq Ahmed 45.1-6-121-4, Akram Raza 45-9-123-2.

Conditions point to Branston Abby

CHEPSTOW
BBC1

1.00: Country Lad won the Michael Seely Nottinghamshire Novices' Chase in February but may need his first run of the new campaign. Dr Rocket won this event last season, but I take **Shrewd John** to confirm his Warwick form with Dextra Dove.

1.30: David Nicholson poses a problem by saddling Hebridean, who will relish the softer ground, and Triple Witching, who landed some significant bets when winning this race last term. The latter has 18lb more to carry this time and will be hard pressed to concede 26lb successfully to the progessive mare **Gospel**, trained by Nigel Twiston-Davies. She will be fighting fit after her recent second to Bo Knows Best at Cheltenham.

2.00: Twiston-Davies can be on the mark again here with **Sweet Duke**, whose stamina should come into play. The seven-year-old, fortunate to win at Perth, still retains plenty of ability and is preferred to Jenny Pitman's Stratford winner, Smith's Band.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

DONCASTER
C4

1.25: With the going riding on the soft side, it should pay to follow the in-form mare, **Branston Abby**, runner-up to the ill-fated Blyton Lad in this event last year. She returned to winning form by comprehensively outpacing Double Blue in a Newbury handicap last month, with three more of today's rivals, Hard To Figure, Braari and Night Melody, further behind, and conditions look ideal for her again. Beggarman Thief, second to Mur Taasha over seven furlongs here, is the danger.

1.55: Velvet Moon was under pressure to beat Tom Waller and Desert Shot in a three-way photo-finish at Newmarket last week and has a 5lb penalty for that listed success. Briar Creek has had a three-month lay-off since finishing a close-up fourth in the Goodwood Cup and may struggle over this shorter trip. Cotteir Chief has to be considered after victories at Warwick and Leicester, but this looks booked for **Zilzal Zamaan**, who was a good second to Luhuk at Goodwood in September.

2.30: Whitechapel battled on bravely to provide a royal victory at the Ascot festival meeting and should again beat Burooj and Beauchamp Hero. Blushing Flame has been at the head of the betting ever since the weights were framed and beat West Buoyant and Warm Spell, who reopposes, in good style at Ascot. William Tell, just behind Mr Confusion when fourth in the Cambridgeshire, will have his stamina fully tested tackling 12 furlongs for the first time. Mary Reveley saddles a progressive sort here in Penny A Day, who has won four of his last five outings. However, he may not confirm his recent course and distance superiority over the Willie Musson runner, **Bit On The Side**, who receives a useful 8lb pull for that 1¾-length beating.

3.05: Mondragon, who stayed on courageously to take sixth place in the Cesarewitch, can prove best of Mary Reveley's trio. Thunderheart, a good second to Ambuscade last time out, rates the main danger. Jack Button has had an arduous season and a better prospect may be the Epsom hope, Shujan, who produced a game performance when a head second to Fatack at Newbury last time out.

DICK HINDER

DONCASTER

THUNDERER

12.55 Q Factor
1.25 Branston Abby
1.55 Zilzal Zamaan
2.30 Bit On The Side
3.05 MONDRAGON (nap)
3.35 Euphyllia
4.10 Macfarlane

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.25 BRANSTON ABBY.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Bit On The Side. 3.35 EUPHYLLIA (nap). 4.10 Purple Fling.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: SOFT — DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST — SIS

12.55 COMPLETE DESIGN CONTRACTS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,317: 6f) (19 runners)

101 (7) 533000 ALMAPA 18 (P Slade) R Hodges 9-0 ... S Drowne (5) 75
102 (9) 5 BETTERGETON 15 (D Boulton) G Fierro 9-0 ... J Stack (5) 73
103 (10) DANCING SIOUX (Lord Matthews) R Williams 9-0 ... T Quinn –
104 (18) 50 EL DON 10 (J Williams) M Ryan 9-0 ... D Biggs 96
105 (3) 30 GAME PLOY 38 (K Kynaston) F Murphy 9-0 ... R Cochrane 90
106 (14) 0 HEATHYARDS MAGIC 11 (L Morgan) R Hollinshead 9-0 ... L Piggott 75
107 (13) HOSWINONAME (B Franks) D Nicholls 9-0 ... Alex Greaves –
108 (1) IT IS NOW (A Reason) M Tompkins 9-0 ... S Mulvey (5) –
109 (6) LOCHBUIE (R Carstairs) J Eustace 9-0 ... M Tebbutt –
110 (17) 00 MAN OF MAY 68 (J Coxon) N Littmoden 9-0 ... J Carroll –
111 (2) 00 REVERSE CHARGE 15 (I Glenton) D Nicholls 9-0 ... N Connorton –
112 (19) 0 SERIOUS FACT 7 (G Moore) M Prescott 9-0 ... C Nutter –
113 (16) 03460 THEROS 12 (T Anthony) R Hannon 9-0 ... K Darley 95
114 (12) ADJACENT TOO (The Melting Pot Partnership) D Laing 8-9 ... S Whitworth –
115 (15) 332 ALWAYS GRACE 128 (BF) (B Eacock) Miss G Kelleway 8-9 ... J Weaver 85
116 (5) 0 CALL THE LIFEBOAT 11 (Mark Tompkins Racing) M Tompkins 8-9 ... P Robinson –
117 (11) 0 PENNY'S WISHING 21 (K Pennington) J Leigh 8-9 ... Dean McKeown –
118 (8) 023635 Q FACTOR 14 (H Cotts) D Haydn Jones 8-9 ... A Mackay [illegible]
119 (4) 00 TODAY TONITE 11 (Mrs J Furlong) J Pearce 8-9 ... G Bardwell 67

BETTING: 3-1 Q Factor, 7-2 El Don, 6-1 Theros, 7-1 Game Ploy, 10-1 It Is Now, 12-1 Always Grace, 16-1 others.

1993: CD PILOT 2-8-9 A Munro (11-10 fav) M Janes 18 ran

1.25 REMEMBRANCE DAY STAKES — C4
(Listed race: £10,290: 6f) (14 runners)

201 (12) 003025 HARD TO FIGURE 16 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Morsell) R Hodges 8-9-0 ... R Cochrane 97
202 (16) 41.6002 BEGGARMAN THIEF 14 (F,S) (L Naghi) J Gosden 4-8-11 ... G Hind 89
203 (1) 010121 DOUBLE BLUE 9 (D F,G,S) (R Huggins) M Johnston 5-8-11 ... J Weaver 92
204 (3) 151055 GREAT DEEDS 20 (D,F,G,S) (S Lamghrani) M Channon 3-8-11 ... T Quinn 89
205 (2) 503315 MASTER OF PASSION 28 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Kane) J Eustace 5-8-11 ... M Tebbutt 74
206 (9) 603103 NIGHT MELODY 4 (C,D,F,G,S) (P Savill) R Hannon 4-8-11 ... K Darley 84
207 (6) 000-340 SPANIARDS CLOSE 31 (C,D,BF,G,S) (Avon Industries) P Makin 6-8-11 ... W Newnes 86
208 (14) 000001 BRANSTON ABBY 16 (C,D,F,G,S) (J Abell) M Johnston 5-6-9 ... M Roberts [illegible]
209 (13) 340206 BUNTY BOO 34 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Mayall) B Hannon 5-8-6 ... R Perham 91
210 (4) 410314 CARRANITA 14 (D,G,S) (Lamb Lane Associates) B Palling 4-8-6 ... Stephen Davies 95
211 (7) 610500 DOMINUET 49 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Heathcote) J Spearing 9-8-6 ... Dean McKeown 77
212 (5) 066550 BRAARI 16 (D,F,G) (H Al Maktoum) B Hills 3-8-5 ... M Hills 91
213 (8) 063043 IMPERIAL BAILIWICK 13 (C,F,S) (Mrs L Middlebrook) M Usher 3-8-5 ... J Williams 90
214 (11) 505410 ISHTIYAK 28 (D,G,S) (H Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-8-5 ... R Price 74

BETTING: 3-1 Branston Abby, 5-1 Double Blue, 6-1 Hard To Figure, 7-1 Beggarman Thief, 8-1 Great Deeds, Bunty Boo 9-1 Imperial Bailiwick, 12-1 others.

1993: BLYTON LAD 7-8-11 S Webster (9-4 fav) M Camacho 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEGGARMAN THIEF 2½l 2nd of 9 to Mur Taasha in conditions race here (7f, good to soft) with CARRANITA (9lb better off) 2l 4th. GREAT DEEDS 9l 5th of 10 to Lochsong in the group 1 Prix de L'Abbaye at Longchamp (5f, good to soft) on penultimate start with BUNTY BOO (5lb better off) nose 6th. MASTER OF PASSION beat Maid O'Cannie head a 27-runner handicap at Ayr (6f, good to soft) on penultimate start.
NIGHT MELODY 3l 3rd of 13 to Takadou in conditions race at Newcastle (5f, good to soft). BRANSTON ABBY beat DOUBLE BLUE (same terms) 2½l in a 15-runner handicap at Newbury (6f, good to soft) with HARD TO FIGURE (6lb better off) about 1¼l 5th, BRAARI (2lb better off) 2¾l 7th and NIGHT MELODY (5lb worse off) 8l 12th. IMPERIAL BAILIWICK 2¼l 3rd of 6 to Millyant in group III PRIX du Petit Couvert at Longchamp (5f, very soft). ISHTIYAK beat Crague Boy ¾l in 25-runner handicap at Goodwood (6f, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: HARD TO FIGURE

1.55 CHARLES SIDNEY MERCEDES BENZ SERIBY STAKES — C4
(Listed race: £9,333: 1m 3f) (7 runners)

301 (4) 4-50316 ALJAZZAF 8 (D,F) (R Lynch) R Akehurst 4-9-0 ... G Carter 87
302 (1) 111-034 BRIER CREEK 100 (CD,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 5-9-0 ... G Hind 90
303 (2) 210366 LINPAC WEST 14 (D,G,S) (Group 1 Racing 1993 Ltd) W Ebey 8-9-0 ... J Carroll 89
304 (3) 243045 CEDEZ LE PASSAGE 23 (G) (A Richards) C Brittain 3-8-7 ... B Doyle 92
305 (5) 436211 COTTEIR CHIEF 12 (D,F,G,S) (J Neville) M Pipe 3-8-7 ... J Weaver [illegible]
306 (7) 4-45041 VELVET MOON 8 (F,G) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 3-8-7 ... T Quinn 92
307 (6) 143122 ZILZAL ZAMAAN 30 (F,S) (Mana Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-7 ... K Darley 91

BETTING: 5-2 Velvet Moon, 7-2 Cotteir Chief, 4-1 Zilzal Zamaan, 5-1 Brier Creek, 6-1 Cedez Le Passage, 10-1 Linpac West, 12-1 Aljazzaf

1993: CAPTAIN HORATIUS 4-9-5 W Ryan (9-2) J Dunlop 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALJAZZAF beat Airport 3l in 11-runner handicap at Ascot (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. BRIER CREEK 4½l 4th of 15 to Tiernan Island in group III TIFFANY Goodwood Cup at Goodwood (2m, firm). LINPAC WEST about 11½l 6th of 9 to Persian Brave in group III St Simon Stakes at Newbury (1m 4f, heavy). CEDEZ LE PASSAGE 4l 5th of 11 to Sand Reef in conditions race at Longchamp (1m 2f, good). COTTEIR CHIEF completed double beat Golden Ball 1¾l in conditions race at Leicester (1m 4f, good). VELVET MOON beat Tom Waller neck in listed race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good) with ALJAZZAF (5lb better off) 6l 6th. ZILZAL ZAMAAN 2½l 2nd of 6 to Luhuk in listed race at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: COTTEIR CHIEF

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Armstrong	14	45	31.1	R Price	4	18	22.2
M F-Godley	6	22	27.3	M Hills	23	147	15.6
J Gosden	36	137	26.3	J Weaver	11	83	13.3
B Hills	30	126	23.8	K Darley	27	210	12.9
M Pipe	3	16	18.8	P Robinson	7	57	12.3
E Weymes	4	22	18.2	T Quinn	13	112	11.6

☐ Double Trigger justified odds-on favouritism by landing the group three £30,497 St Leger Italiano at Turin yesterday. Ridden by Jason Weaver, Mark Johnston's colt beat the French challenger, Michael Georges, by 3½ lengths.

2.30 TOTE CREDIT NOVEMBER HANDICAP — C4
(£25,174: 1m 4f) (25 runners)

401 (15) 016405 BEAUCHAMP HERO 42 (F,S) (E Penser) J Dunlop 4-9-10 ... G Carter 92
402 (2) 651400 MASTER CHARLIE 23 (D,F) (D Watson) I Balding 4-9-4 ... W Newnes 86
403 (14) 212111 PENNY A DAY 14 (CD,G,S) (J Good) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-3 (5ex) ... K Darley 93
404 (8) 02-6303 MR CONFUSION 35 (C,F,G,S) (R Fenwick-Gibson) Miss S Hall 6-9-1 ... L Piggott 95
405 (12) 20-1142 BUROOJ 23 (CD,G,S) (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 4-9-0 ... M Birch 93
406 (18) 200100 GONE FOR A BURTON 14 (B,F,S) (H Carlington) P Makin 4-9-0 ... M Roberts 94
407 (19) 112/22-0 UNFORGIVING MINUTE 28 (S) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 5-9-0 ... R Cochrane 85
408 (25) 22-4314 WHITECHAPEL 29 (CD,G,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 6-8-13 ... M Hills 91
409 (23) 105184 WILLIAM TELL 35 (F,G) (T Hemmings) M Hammond 3-8-12 ... J Carroll 95
410 (7) 4008-03 DARU 15 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Hughes) E Fierro 5-8-11 ... J Stack (5) 85
411 (24) 234221 THE FLYING PHANTOM 31 (F,S) (Batts Holdings) M Tompkins 3-8-11 ... P Robinson 90
412 (20) 541214 SAXON MAID 23 (D,BF,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-9 ... J Weaver 90
413 (22) 210500 LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 14 (C,D,F,G) (B Saunfally) Bob Jones 6-8-6 ... M Wigham 84
414 (9) 001-036 GOOGLY 15 (D,G,S) (Ms M Horan) J White 5-8-4 ... J Williams 90
415 (6) 061641 BLUSHING FLAME 29 (D,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 3-8-3 ... J Quinn 92
416 (1) 180502 BIT ON THE SIDE 14 (D,G,S) (M Hawlett) W Musson 5-8-2 ... D Harrison 98
417 (11) 001322 WARM SPELL 14 (D,BF,G,S) (K Higson) G L Moore 4-7-11 ... G Bardwell 88
418 (13) 050450 JOHNS ACT 29 (S) (Mrs J Mihalop) D Haydn Jones 4-7-11 ... A Mackay [illegible]
419 (4) 300461 CUMBRIAN RHAPSODY 5 (D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 4-7-10 (4ex) ... J Fanning 94
420 (21) 501030 BEAUMONT 16 (F,S) (Garth Thoroughbreds Ltd) J Pearce 4-7-9 ... S Lanigan (7) 92
421 (17) 243016 FOLLY FINNESSE 14 (S) (R Withers) B Millman 3-7-8 ... J Lowe 91
422 (10) 450620 ROBERTY LEA 19 (D,F,G,S) (Wensleydale Coast Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 6-7-7 ... N Adams 92
423 (5) 001555 WORLD EXPRESS 25 (S) (World Express Ltd) B Millman 4-7-7 ... N Carlisle 89
424 (16) 005421 HILLZAH 16 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Charm) R Bastiman 6-7-7 (4ex) ... L Charnock 92
425 (3) 012213 PROTON 14 (G,S) (Tony Alper Garages Ltd) R Akehurst 4-7-7 ... S Sanders (5) 90

Long handicap: Hillzah 7-6, Proton 7-5.

BETTING: 5-1 Blushing Flame, 6-1 Penny A Day, 10-1 Bit On The Side, 12-1 Mr Confusion, Beauchamp Hero, Whitechapel, William Tell, 16-1 others.

1993: QUICK RANSOM 5-8-10 J Weaver (6-1 fav) M Johnston 25 ran

FORM FOCUS

PENNY A DAY beat BIT ON THE SIDE (8lb better off) 1¾l in handicap over course and distance (good to soft) with PROTON (6lb better off) 6l 3rd and GONE FOR A BURTON (6lb better off) 19¾l 11th. BUROOJ 3½l 2nd of 11 to Acting Brave in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good) with SAXON MAID (3lb worse off) head and short-head 4th. MASTER CHARLIE (3lb worse off) about 20¾l 9th and GONE FOR A BURTON (11lb worse off) 3l 10th. WHITECHAPEL beat Royal Seaton short-head in handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, good to soft) penultimate start with BUROOJ (2lb better off) neck and short-head 4th and BEAUCHAMP HERO (5lb better off) 2l 5th. BLUSHING FLAME beat West Buoyant 1¾l in handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, good to firm) with WARM SPELL (4lb better off) ½l 3rd and JOHNS ACT (7lb better off) about 14¾l 12th. CUMBRIAN RHAPSODY beat Milngavie 2½l in handicap at Newcastle (1m 4f 93yd, good to soft).
Selection: BUROOJ (nap)

3.05 COALITE DRAGON HANDICAP — C4
(£7,960: 2m 110yd) (18 runners)

501 (10) 122003 JACK BUTTON 16 (D,F,G,S) (A and B Racing) Bob Jones 5-10-0 ... M Wigham 95
502 (13) 65-2040 MY DESIRE 21 (D,F,G,S) (J Spensley) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-7 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 92
503 (14) 12-0620 PURPLE SPLASH 16 (V,S) (C Watford) P Makin 4-9-7 ... R Perham 96
504 (7) 445325 STAR PLAYER 21 (D,F,G) (P Smith) R Baker 8-9-4 ... P Robinson 95
505 (15) 024330 BARDOLPH 21 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Sir George Meyrick) P Cole 7-9-3 ... T Quinn 95
506 (17) 234360 STAR RAGE 21 (CD,F,G) (J Abell) M Johnston 4-9-3 ... M Hills 94
507 (3) 040024 GOOD HAND 19 (CD,F,G) (Mrs M Haggas) J Wall 8-9-0 ... N Connorton 95
508 (15) 01-0042 SHUJAN 16 (C,BF,G,S) (Sir Eric Parker) R Akehurst 5-8-13 ... G Carter 94
509 (4) 001358 MONDRAGON 21 (D,F,G) (D Young) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-13 ... K Darley 95
510 (18) 014221 FETES GALANTES 19 (D,F,G) L Cumani 4-8-12 ... J Weaver 92
511 (8) 0025-00 REQUESTED 14 (D,F,G) (Mrs S Marks) P Burgoyne 7-8-10 ... J Stack (5) 91
512 (5) 621230 OLD RED 33 (F,G) (A Flannigan) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-9 ... J Fortune 92
513 (9) 40-0043 GREY POWER 19 (D,F,G,S) (A Frame) Mrs M Reveley 7-8-8 ... J Williams 93
514 (1) 121/400 GARDEN DISTRICT 19 (F,S) (Beckhampton Stables) R Charlton 5-8-8 ... D Harrison 86
515 (6) 406042 BLAZE AWAY 22 (F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 3-8-7 ... R Cochrane 93
516 (12) 244012 THUNDERHEART 16 (D,F) (Consultco Ltd) L Cumani 3-8-5 ... M Roberts [illegible]
517 (11) 00134-0 HOME FROM THE HILL 8 (G,S) (Mrs R Manning) M Channon 4-8-4 ... W Woods 91
518 (2) 240320 SECRET SERENADE 15 (F) (Glasgow House Syndicate) C Fairhurst 3-8-3 ... J Tate (3) 93

BETTING: 5-1 Shujan, 7-1 Jack Button, 8-1 Fetes Galantes, Blaze Away, 10-1 Bardolph, Mondragon, Grey Power, 14-1 others.

1993: BARDOLPH 6-8-7 T Quinn 10-1 (P Cole) 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

JACK BUTTON ½l 2nd of 9 to Captain Jack in Newcastle handicap (2m, firm) with MY DESIRE (4lb better off) 2¾l 4th and GOOD HAND (3lb better off) 6¾l last. STAR PLAYER 2¾l 5th of 32 to Captain's Guest in Newmarket Tote Cesarewitch (2m 2f, good to firm) with MONDRAGON short-head 6th. BARDOLPH ¾l 7th, JACK BUTTON (2lb worse off) 5¾l 9th, STAR RAGE (1lb better off) 3¾l 15th and MY DESIRE (2lb better off) 7l 19th. SHUJAN head 2nd of 12 to Fatack in Newbury handicap (2m, good) with JACK BUTTON (2lb better off) 1¾l 3rd and PURPLE SPLASH (4lb better off) 27l 11th. FETES GALANTES beat Ibsen 1¾l in Nottingham handicap (2m, good to firm) with GREY POWER (5lb better off) 3½l 3rd. GOOD HAND (5lb better off) short-head 4th and GARDEN DISTRICT (10lb better off) 18l 12th.
Selection: FETES GALANTES

3.35 WEMBLEY NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,305: 7f) (22 runners)

601 (11) 021 ELITE HOPE 17 (D,G) (Elite Racing Club) C Egerton 9-7 ... M Roberts 94
602 (18) 143510 ROMIOS 14 (D,BF,S) (C Shiacolas) P Cole 9-7 ... T Quinn 95
603 (6) 041 RED LIGHT 12 (D,S) (R Van Gelder) Lord Huntingdon 9-7 ... D Harrison 87
604 (4) 1004 RUPIANA 30 (CD,F) (Mrs M Keogh) J Arnold 9-5 ... K Darley 87
605 (19) 330102 KEMO SABO 14 (S) (P Locke) Mrs J Ramsden 9-4 ... J Carroll 95
606 (13) 100410 DUFFERTOES 17 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs P Williams) M Ryan 9-4 ... G Carter 87
607 (21) 0411 BEN GUNN 11 (D,F,S) (M White) P Walwyn 9-1 ... M Hills 93
608 (20) 41 MOST THOUGHTFUL 22 (F) (Crombal Stud Partnership) I Balding 9-1 ... R Cochrane 85
609 (1) 00032 EMPHATIC CANDIDATE 37 (Modacom Ltd T/A E M P) R Akehurst 9-1 ... A Clark 95
610 (16) 361100 RAMBO WALTZER 15 (D,G) (Keystone Racing Club) S Norton 8-9 ... M Tebbutt 95
611 (3) 064 DONT SHOOT FAIRIES 12 (Mrs C Miller) C Brittain 8-9 ... B Doyle 85
612 (9) 003 HARVEY WHITE 19 (The Harvey White Partnership) J Pearce 8-9 ... G Bardwell 85
613 (5) 0051 DOMAPPEL 7 (S) (M Banks) Mrs J Cecil 8-5 ... N Carlisle [illegible]
614 (22) 0520 NOBLE NEPTUNE 31 (BF) (Mrs R Brown) W Musson 8-3 ... G Hind 95
615 (12) 042 BELLESONNETTE 19 (Mrs J Mitalop) D Haydn Jones 8-3 ... A Mackay 87
616 (17) 006 BLUSHING GRENADIER 11 (M F-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 8-1 ... F Norton 82
617 (15) 01 FAILTE RO 16 (S) (Mrs P Cunningham) J Banks 8-1 ... J Quinn 91
618 (7) 0005 JEWEL TRADER 14 (J Hollins) C Benstead 7-13 ... J Lowe 93
619 (14) 00325 BLAZE OF SONG 14 (D Boocock) R Hannon 7-10 ... D Wright (5) 91
620 (10) 016000 WATER BEBE 12 (D,F) (3rd Kingsley House 1994) M Johnston 7-8 ... N Adams 93
621 (2) 613504 SIMAND 15 (F) (W Martin) E Weymes 7-7 ... N Kennedy 94
622 (8) 0823 EUPHYLLIA 12 (J Vaughan) Bob Jones 7-7 ... L Charnock 92

BETTING: 6-1 Ben Gunn, Emphatic Candidate, 7-1 Kemo Sabo, 8-1 Red Light, Elite Hope, 10-1 others.

1993: SANDMOOR CHAMBRAY 8-6 M Birch (15-1) M Easterby 16 ran

4.10 CIU MACMILLAN NURSE APPEAL HANDICAP
(£4,175: 5f) (22 runners)

1 (2) 021005 MACFARLANE 18 (CD,G,S) (P F-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 6-9-13 ... F Norton 98
2 (22) 400004 LEIGH CROFTER 18 (B,D,F,G,S) (P Dimmock) P Cundell 5-9-12 ... W Newnes 96
3 (21) 051430 I'M YOUR LADY 14 (F) (M Stokes) B McMahon 3-9-11 ... S Sanders (5) 90
4 (9) 010000 BEAU VENTURE 18 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Stacey) F Lee 6-9-11 ... R Lappin 95
5 (16) 068050 OLT THRONE 16 (C,D,F,G,S) (M Jenkins) M Tompkins 7-9-11 ... P Robinson 96
6 (3) 000000 KNAYTON LASS 21 (B,D,F) (Mrs J Davenport) M W Easterby 3-9-10 ... M Birch 96
7 (5) 420-422 CROFT POOL 154 (Countrywide Classics Ltd) J Glover 3-9-10 ... J Fortune 98
8 (20) 046115 KILDEE LAD 18 (D,F,G) (J O'Donovan) A Jones 4-9-10 ... J Williams 90
9 (10) 614000 PURPLE FLING 7 (F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Prescott 3-9-9 ... W Woods 91
10 (12) 1000-40 METAL BOYS 16 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs L Siddall) Miss L Siddall 7-9-9 ... D Harrison 95
11 (15) 600504 DOMICKSKY 16 (D,BF,F,G,S) (M Watson) M Channon 6-9-8 ... R Painter (5) 94
12 (11) 040060 EVENING FALLS 25 (D,G) (Mrs C Welch) J Spearing 3-9-6 ... J Weaver 98
13 (4) 801600 MISS VAXETTE 31 (D,F,S) (Mrs J Williams) M Brittain 5-9-6 ... J Lowe 94
14 (13) 005320 MR BERGERAC 12 (D,S) (P Jones) B Palling 3-9-6 ... J Stack (5) 98
15 (14) 000000 VILLAGE GREEN 21 (B,D,S) K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-6 ... D Griffiths (5) 94
16 (19) 310003 CAPTAIN CARAT 18 (G,F) (C Webster) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-6 ... Dean McKeown 96
17 (17) 030306 LOVELY ME 7 (B) (Mrs J O'Halloran) R Johnson Houghton 3-9-3 ... R Cochrane 93
18 (18) 004200 PRESS THE BELL 21 (D,F,G) (S Mason) J Berry 4-9-3 ... J Carroll [illegible]
19 (6) 503050 BELLS OF LONGWICK 25 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs W Wickham) D Laing 5-9-3 ... R Price 94
20 (1) 500020 JIGSAW BOY 12 (V,D,BF,F,S) (All Eight Club) P Murphy 5-9-1 ... S Drowne (5) 97
21 (7) 000000 GONE SAVAGE 16 (B,BF,F,G,S) (Broughton) W Musson 6-9-0 ... M Wigham 94
22 (8) 6020U2 PRIMULA BAIRN 21 (V,CD,G,S) (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-0 ... M Roberts 98

BETTING: 8-1 Primula Bairn, 10-1 Leigh Crofter, I'm Your Lady, Macfarlane, Press The Bell, 12-1 others.

1993: LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 5-9-10 R Perham (20-1) M Heaton-Ellis 22 ran

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THUNDERER

1.00 Roxton Hill
1.30 Triple Witching
2.00 Court Melody
2.35 Vallanthe
3.10 Green's Game
3.40 Allegation

GOING: SOFT — SIS

1.00 GUY FAWKES HANDICAP CHASE — BBC1
(£7,059: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

1 2316P3- COUNTRY LAD 203 (D,G,S) Mrs S Williams 6-11-10 ... R Dunwoody 94
2 253111- SARTORIUS 187 (D,F,G,S) T Thomson Jones 8-11-5 ... M A Fitzgerald 98
3 2111-12 DEXTRA DOVE 7 (D,BF,F,G,S) R Alner 7-11-5 ... S Earle 98
4 2U54-12 WINGSPAN 59 (C,D,F,G,S) A Newcombe 10-11-2 ... C Llewellyn 97
5 53433-4 DR ROCKET 14 (CD,F,G,S) R Dickin 9-10-10 ... B Powell 93
6 P/3/13-2 ROXTON HILL 28 (D,S) C Brooks 9-10-8 ... D Gallagher 93
7 23-1U21 SHREWD JOHN 7 (D,S) R Woodhouse 8-10-7 ... M Dwyer [illegible]
8 213110- MISTER ODDY 190 (D,G,S) J King 8-10-4 ... T Jenks (3) 98

BETTING: 3-1 Shrewd John, 4-1 Dextra Dove, 5-1 Dr Rocket, 6-1 Roxton Hill, 7-1 Sartorius, 8-1 Country Lad, 10-1 Wingspan, 12-1 Mister Oddy

1993: DR ROCKET 8-9-11 D Meredith (13-2) R Dickin 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

COUNTRY LAD 11l 3rd of 10 to Peaceman in novice chase at Bangor (2m 1f 110yd, good). SARTORIUS, completed treble, beat Achiltibuie head in 5-runner handicap chase at Towcester (2m 110yd, firm) with DR ROCKET (4lb better off) 20l 3rd. DEXTRA DOVE beat Ilewin 2½l in 6-runner handicap chase at Hereford (2m 3f, firm) penultimate start.
WINGSPAN 1½l 2nd of 8 to Festival Dreams in a handicap chase at Exeter (2m 3f, firm). ROXTON HILL 3l 2nd of 8 to Monday Club in handicap chase at Bangor (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft). SHREWD JOHN beat DEXTRA DOVE (4lb better off) 4l in 6-runner handicap chase at Warwick (2m, good). MISTER ODDY beat General Merchant 7l in 5-runner conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Worcester (2m, good to soft) penultimate start.
Selection: SHREWD JOHN

1.30 TOTE SILVER TROPHY — BBC1
(Handicap hurdle: £15,535: 2m 4f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 104F0-3 TRIPLE WITCHING 7 (CD,G,S) D Nicholson 8-12-0 ... M A Fitzgerald [illegible]
2 0/22152- BOLLIN WILLIAM 306 (C,D,S) M H Easterby 6-11-7 ... R Garritty 90
3 12101/2- HEBRIDEAN 365 (D,S) D Nicholson 7-11-7 ... W Marston 90
4 3143P/F- TYRONE BRIDGE 15F (D,S) N Walker 8-11-0 ... B Powell –
5 21/5P55- HER HONOUR 210 (F,G,S) M Pipe 5-10-11 ... R Dunwoody 94
6 11321P- TOP SPIN 21F (D,F,G,S) J Jenkins 5-10-10 ... J Railton 85
7 21F40-3 GLAISDALE 15 (G) M Tompkins 5-10-7 ... D Bridgwater 85
8 51321-2 GOSPEL 28 (D,BF,F,S) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-2 ... C Llewellyn 93
9 113-324 COUTURE STOCKINGS 8 (D,F,G,S) J Mackie 10-10-0 ... R Supple 93
10 /P3/052- CASTLE SECRET 21F (D,F) D Burchell 8-10-0 ... D J Burchell 98
11 22100-1 HAWAIIAN YOUTH 10 (C,G,S) R Rowe 6-10-0 (5ex) ... D Gaxson (7) 88

Long handicap: Couture Stockings 9-12, Castle Secret 9-12, Hawaiian Youth 9-2.

BETTING: 7-2 Glaisdale, 9-2 Gospel, 5-1 Triple Witching, 11-2 Bollin William, 7-1 Hebridean, Top Spin, 8-1 Her Honour, 10-1 others.

1993: TRIPLE WITCHING 7-10-10 A Maguire (17-2) D Nicholson 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

TRIPLE WITCHING 1¼l 3rd of 7 to Halkopous in the grade II West Yorkshire Hurdle at Wetherby (3m 1f, good). Beat Avro Anson 3l in this race last year (good, 19 ran). BOLLIN WILLIAM 10l 2nd of 8 to Sweet Duke in a conditions hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 5f 110yd, soft).
HEBRIDEAN 3l 2nd of 9 to Castle Courageous in handicap hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, good) October 1993. HER HONOUR 11¼l 5th of 24 to Dizzy in grade II County Handicap Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good) penultimate start. TOP SPIN beat Ealing Court 1l in a 12-runner novice hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, soft) on penultimate start. GLAISDALE 10l 3rd of 8 to Badastan in a handicap hurdle at Newbury (3m 110yd, good). GOSPEL 11l 2nd of 6 to Bo Knows Best in a handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to firm). COUTURE STOCKINGS about 1l 4th of 14 to Crank Shaft in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, good).
Selection: GOSPEL

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
D Nicholson	10	30	33.3	R Dunwoody	21	87	24.1
M Pipe	54	209	25.8	M Richards	3	15	20.0
C Broad	4	19	21.1	M A Fitzgerald	6	31	19.4
T Thomson Jones	3	16	18.8	W Marston	4	23	17.4
N Twiston-Davies	12	67	17.9	D J Burchell	4	25	16.0
C Brooks	5	30	16.7	J R Kavanagh	3	19	15.8

2.00 RISING STARS NOVICES CHASE — BBC1
(Grade II: £9,920: 2m 3f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 5510- A N C EXPRESS 206 (S) J King 6-11-0 ... J R Kavanagh –
2 204110- COURT MELODY 193 (G,S) P Nicholls 6-11-0 ... R Dunwoody –
3 133/542- MAAMUR 312 (G) C Broad 6-11-0 ... M A Fitzgerald –
4 62-U2F4 OXFORD QUILL 10 (S) R Curtis 7-11-0 ... M Richards 84
5 0453F-1 SMITH'S BAND 9 (G) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0 ... W Marston 75
6 4546-14 SWEET DUKE 7 (BF,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-0 ... C Llewellyn [illegible]
7 230/233- SWITCH 231 (B,G,S) C Brooks 8-11-0 ... D Gallagher 98
8 310-246 NEWTON POINT 7 (F,G,S) T George 5-10-13 ... D Bridgwater –

BETTING: 9-4 Sweet Duke, 4-1 Smith's Band, 5-1 Newton Point, 6-1 Court Melody, 7-1 Switch, 8-1 Maamur, A N C Express, 16-1 Oxford Quill.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

A N C EXPRESS beat Dedoce 8l in a 17-runner maiden hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) penultimate start. COURT MELODY beat Love And Porter 3l in the 5-runner grade III Brown Thomas Novice Hurdle at Fairyhouse (2m 4f, soft) penultimate start.
MAAMUR short-head 2nd of 4 to Old Bridge in a conditions hurdle here (2m 110yd, heavy). OXFORD QUILL best recent effort 11l 2nd of 5 to Sohail in handicap chase at Fontwell (2m 2f, firm). SMITH'S BAND beat Turning Trix 2½l in 14-runner novice chase at Stratford (2m 5f 110yd, good). SWEET DUKE over 30 lengths 4th of 10 to Marchwood in Wetherby novice chase (3m 110yd, good). Previously, left clear last, beat Leading Prospect over 30l in 6-runner novice chase at Perth (2m 4f 110yd, good). SWITCH best chasing effort last term 4l 2nd of 9 to Homme d'Affaire in Lingfield claiming chase (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). NEWTON POINT best recent effort 9l 2nd of 3 to Badastan in handicap hurdle here (3m, good to soft).
Selection: SWEET DUKE

2.35 JUMPING JACK NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,530: 2m 110yd) (12 runners)

1 42944-U FLAPJACK LAD 14 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-10 ... C Llewellyn 90
2 F4-3 GREEN'S FAIR 11 G Ham 4-11-4 ... C Maude 93
3 0054-5 CAPTAIN BERT 28 B De Haan 5-11-4 ... I Lawrence 98
4 055- GENTLEMAN SID 147F R Dickin 4-11-0 ... E Murphy 90
5 3-5551 STRIKE-A-POSE 14 (D,S) B Llewellyn 4-10-13 ... Mr J L Llewellyn 85
6 FP5234- VALIANTHE 159 (G) M Pipe 6-10-9 ... M Foster [illegible]
7 050-200 ACROSS THE BOW 32 A Dunn 4-10-4 ... M Hourigan 98
8 06404P- MARINERS COVE 154 R Dickin 6-10-4 ... B Powell 98
9 50062- MANILA RUN 353 A Foster 5-10-1 ... M A Fitzgerald 81
10 P20/53-0 ANOTHER VINTAGE 9 P Cundell 5-10-0 ... D Gallagher 95
11 00-P00 SHALHOLME 14 T Price 4-10-0 ... Mr R Johnson (7) –
12 -5546 PENHILL FLAME 5 (G) N Mitchell 8-10-0 ... D Bridgwater 80

Long handicap: Another Vintage 9-12, Shalholme 9-5, Penhill Flame 9-4.

BETTING: 3-1 Strike-A-Pose, 7-2 Valianthe, 4-1 Green's Fair, 11-2 Across The Bow, 6-1 Flapjack Lad, 10-1 Gentleman Sid, 14-1 Manila Run, 25-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.10 GUNPOWDER PLOT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,600: 3m) (19 runners)

1 5605-5 BETTER BYTHE GLASS 31 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 ... D Bridgwater [illegible]
2 64P/006- DISTILLATION 189P (G,S) G Edwards 9-11-0 ... Mr Richard White (7) –
3 03505-P FIDDLERS PIKE 9 (S) Mrs R Henderson 13-11-0 ... Mrs R Henderson –
4 0- FINAL SEASON 280 N Mitchell 5-11-0 ... D Skyrme –
5 4/3232- FIRST DESIGN 186P (G) P Jones 7-11-0 ... V Slattery –
6 09000-6 GREEN'S GAME 32 N Mitchell 6-11-0 ... Miss S Mitchell (7) 75
7 1/PF5- GRUNGE 200 (G) D Murray Smith 6-11-0 ... D Gallagher 6T
8 0P- HURRICANE HAWKS 311 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 ... C Llewellyn –
9 00644-2 ITS A SNIP 27 (G) C Mann 9-11-0 ... R Dunwoody –
10 400- JUNGLE KING 226 Mrs J Renfree-Barons 5-11-0 ... A Tory 72
11 60050-1 PRECIOUS JUNO 22 (F,S) G Charles-Jones 5-11-0 ... B Powell 84
12 454-006 SAME DIFFERENCE 7 A Jarvis 6-11-0 ... M A Fitzgerald 89
13 00P/FFF TEEGA SUKU 10 Mrs J Young 7-11-0 ... G Upton –
14 0/0000- WOODLANDS POWER 158 P Pritchard 6-11-0 ... R Davis –
15 04 SLEEPTITE 24 W G M Turner 4-10-13 ... T Murphy (7) 84
16 00/00- CELTIC EMERALD 247 R Eckley 6-10-9 ... Mr R Johnson (7) –
17 42-4 COUNTRY STORE 39 A Jones 5-10-9 ... L Harvey 85
18 55 CARA'S PRIDE 14 T George 4-10-8 ... M Dwyer 70
19 P- QUEEN MARIANA 182 R Phillips 4-10-8 ... J Railton –

BETTING: 7-2 Precious Juno, 9-2 Sleeptite, 7-1 First Design, 8-1 Jungle King, 10-1 Better Bythe Glass, Cara's Pride, Same Difference, 12-1 others.

1993: LE GINNO 6-11-0 G Bradley (5-4 fav) C Brooks 17 ran

3.40 BONFIRE NIGHT HANDICAP HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £3,600: 2m 110yd) (3 runners)

1 103-212 ALLEGATION 10 (V,CD,G) M Pipe 12-0 ... R Dunwoody 94
2 251213- HOSTILE WITNESS 14F (V,D,S) P Hedger 11-3 ... M Richards 96
3 112125 RUNAWAY PETE 37 (F,G) A Barrow 10-2 ... B Powell [illegible]

BETTING: 4-6 Allegation, 5-2 Hostile Witness, 4-1 Runaway Pete.

1993: ATHAR 4-10-0 L Harvey (7-1) R Baker 4 ran

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Saturday portrait: George Foreman by Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

People's champion still preaching message from age of greatness

ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE MARTIN



By his own admission, George Foreman was a sick man at the age of 35. "Probably the sickest man in the world — I weighed 315lb," he says. "I was unable to walk without the help of a stick. I would have needed piano movers to get me in and out of my house if I had carried on like that."

Today, at the age of 45, he weighs a trim 250lb, and for the first time in 17 years he can run and skip-rope. But he is regarded by important boxing experts as a sick joke, an old man who should not be making a spectacle of himself at his time of life, challenging Michael Moorer, the IBF and WBA heavyweight champion, in Las Vegas tonight.

But Foreman, who silenced his critics with a tremendous performance against Evander Holyfield in 1991, is out to prove them wrong once again by beating Moorer to regain the title that he lost 20 years ago to Muhammad Ali in Zaire. "I'm fighting for every guy who ever got told to 'act your age'," Foreman says.

Despairing critics might claim that "the game's gone" when it needs a fat old man to pull in the crowds. But the presence of Foreman in tonight's competition does not reflect so much on the present state of heavyweight boxing as on the greatness of the age from which he has come.

Even if he is close to running on empty, he still has enough left in the tank to make the running. He could grow old tonight suddenly, as old boxers tend to do under pressure in the ring, or he could grow in stature and provide the most momentous occasion in heavyweight boxing. At least we shall have the answers tonight.

Far from bringing the game into disrepute by forcing the contest with Moorer through the courts, Foreman is a credit to the boxing profession. He speaks well and carries himself with dignity. He is successful and he is not suffering from brain damage. A model of respectability, with a beautiful wife, Mary, nine children, four of them boys named George, and a 300-acre ranch at Marshall, Texas, he is loved and admired by the public. To them, Foreman is a positive force in an increasingly negative world. Some even believe that, were he to stand for governor or senator, he would be successful.

Unlike the cynics, the public does not see this minister as a conman, working a scam in the name of God and country. He is, rather, a salesman in the best American tradition. Back in 1987, when he started his comeback to make money for his church, nobody wanted to know. So he set out on his own and sold himself to the world.

"I needed $700,000, but nobody would sponsor me, even though I gave them 40 per cent of my earnings," Foreman says. "They all hung up on me. They thought it was a con. Now, if they had stayed with me and taken an option, they would have had 40 per cent of $60 million."

> 'He gave boxing a new dimension and everyone, including Holyfield, had to follow the pace that he set in the ring'

Having turned to Christianity, in 1977, as a result of a religious experience in a dressing-room in Puerto Rico after a fight with Jimmy Young, Foreman's sales plan was to pitch the preacher, puncher and fat man line. The preacher needed money for his church, the puncher needed funds to train, and the fat man needed money to buy the cheeseburgers to which he was addicted.

Once he had the public laughing at his cheeseburger jokes, Foreman had the press eating out of his hand. His burger-bar ratings made Fatburger the No 1 chain: "He once went to a Fatburger in an NBC stretch limo and ate a whole sackful," Bill Caplan, a close friend of Foreman, says.

"When I was a kid in Houston, a burger cost 29 cents at Dairy Queen, two blocks from my house," Foreman says. "To me, that Dairy Queen was luxury, but I could only afford one burger a week. When you walk around hungry, food is important. And you never forget."

When Foreman's burger jokes became stale, he played the old-age card instead: "People are putting me down, not because I can't punch, but because of my age," he says. "Well, things are going to be on overhaul in this country." He was right. Jim Murray observed in Thursday's *Los Angeles Times*: "Every guy who has got a gold watch [or] a set of luggage, every guy who wonders why people don't speak up any more or why print is smaller these days, every guy who wonders if it was always chilly in the morning and what he did with his keys" [is going to be behind him tonight].

On his return, in 1987, the country watched his progress in disbelief as he went through 23 opponents in quick time. They were not household names, but most of them were opponents for the best heavyweights of the time, including Mike Tyson. Names like David Jaco, Bert Cooper, Gerry Cooney, Adilson Rodrigues, Ken Lakusta and Terry Anderson. Then the going became harder, as Foreman faced Holyfield and then Tommy Morrison.

After the defeat by Morrison, Foreman took a break from boxing for 17 months to act in a sit-com, *George*. When he returned, boxing people had forgotten about him, but he was still the public's favourite.

Unfortunately, boxing experts are Foreman's sternest critics, wishing that he'd stay behind his pulpit at Hamble, Texas. But Foreman was so superior technically to the present heavyweights that he could go in to the ring without serious sparring. It did not matter to him who was in the other corner. He had the *mien* of a man who had come from another age.

He did not use a corner stool, and he never gasped for air. For he made the other man box at his pace. He could jab with an extended hand simply by twitching a muscle. He gave boxing a new dimension and everyone, including Holyfield, had to follow the pace he set in a fight.

Today, Foreman wears the mantle of Muhammad Ali, the man who humiliated him in Africa 20 years ago. Sometimes it seems that Foreman's body is inhabited by the youthful spirit of Ali, especially when he skips round the ring, heel-toeing Ali fashion. It is as if he wants to wipe out the memory of that defeat by adopting the mannerisms of the great man, being playful and loveable with the crowds.

Even Teddy Atlas, who will be in the opposing corner tonight with Moorer, says: "This is a guy who is a special old man. Don't underestimate him. You've got to go back a long time to realise how special he is.

"Ali broke him down. He gave up. He knows he quit. That's why he's showing so much courage in his comeback. He knows he could have taken those punches, but he lay down and for the rest of his life he has had to suffer for that. That pain has lasted longer than the pain from the punches he would have had to take for the rest of the fight."

Mort Sharnik, the old Foreman's publicist, says that Foreman the younger was such a "stone-cold thug" that it is difficult to imagine how a man of God emerged from the earlier model. Sometimes, when Foreman's face is in repose, you can almost see that mean lip-curl of the first Foreman. But the observation is only fleeting for old George quickly smiles an angelic smile, almost as if he, too, has seen the devil in his features.

If, in his conversations, a mean word slips out, he always counters with an engagingly tentative smile. You know the smile is a cover-up, but you accept it at face value, like a gift. Whichever way you look at big George, you cannot fault him; you have to love him.

Moorer lacks experience in generation game

Foreman presents big test

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, IN LAS VEGAS

LIKE so many generation gap issues, the battle of the ages between Michael Moorer, the International Boxing Federation (IBF) and World Boxing Association (WBA) champion, 26, and George Foreman, 45, is likely to become a battle of minds when the two meet at the MGM Grand Garden here tonight.

Moorer is the bookies' favourite, but the mums and dads who have brought their children to the Land of Oz to see the cowardly lion, the tin man and scarecrow favour Big George. Over a thousand of them crammed into the hall to see him weigh in.

Moorer scaled 222lb and looked like a middleweight against Foreman at 250lb, 2lb lower than when he lost to Tommy Morrison 17 months ago. For the first time, Foreman showed body muscle definition. Although the big man has not boxed since Morrison, he has been training since July.

Foreman, coming from the golden era of Muhammad Ali, has far more experience and better technical ability and if the Foreman that put up a tremendous challenge against Holyfield three years ago shows up, Moorer could be in serious trouble. The champion does not have a very good chin and that, together with his poor concentration, could turn out to be a serious flaw.

However, nobody knows how much the last three years have affected Foreman's reflexes. I suspect he has slowed down considerably because he has been resorting to mind games with Moorer, hoping to break his concentration. At the press conference on Thursday, Foreman told a story of how, when he was Foreman the younger, he wanted to kill his opponents. The word "kill" was used several times. Foreman the preacher is, of course, not such a vicious man these days, but he knows how to influence minds.

Just as Sugar Ray Leonard decided to take on Marvin Hagler after noticing, from the commentary box, a flaw in Hagler during his bout with Roberto Duran, so too did Foreman decide to challenge Moorer after doing the interround summaries on the champion's bout with Holyfield. Leonard outsmarted Hagler.

Teddy Atlas, Moorer's trainer, has prepared the champion for any "tricks" Foreman might get up to: "I know why he told that story about killing his opponents. He is not going to upset Michael," Atlas said. "I know he's going to try a rope-a-dope kind of thing, trying to use his psychological edge like a younger man uses the jab. He believes he can influence Michael's mind.

"I told Michael that 2½ months ago and we are prepared. Michael's mind is absolutely right this time. He knows this is not baseball, where you can strike out twice and get back to the plate."

Atlas believes that, for the first three or four rounds, Foreman could have some success in dictating the bout, but when he finds that he is unable to psyche Moorer, his 45 years will quickly catch up with him: "I want Michael to tell Foreman loud and clear, as quickly as possible: 'You were wrong, George'."

Atlas said that Foreman was serious in his challenge and was not surprised that he looked in good shape at the weigh-in: "Don't be mistaken by his defeat by Morrison," he said. "He's a special old man. He picked Michael but I'm sure Michael will stop him around round ten."

It is interesting that the two most famous trainers in boxing today — Eddie Futch and Angelo Dundee — both think Foreman will be too big and cute for Moorer, who has a record of 35 wins out of 35.

Dundee, of course, was in Ali's corner when he beat Foreman in Zaire 20 years ago. This time, the great strategist will be helping Foreman. Futch, who was with Joe Frazier, who was twice knocked out by Foreman, said: "Foreman is going to keep the pressure on Moorer all night long and doesn't figure to get tired because he doesn't waste anything. Moorer is going to have to box and move, but his style has always been that of a puncher. If he punches with Foreman, he can get into trouble."

"This is a dangerous fight for Moorer. We've had the first southpaw champion in Moorer, now we could have the first 45-year-old champion." Dundee said: "At some point, expect to see a Foreman explosion."

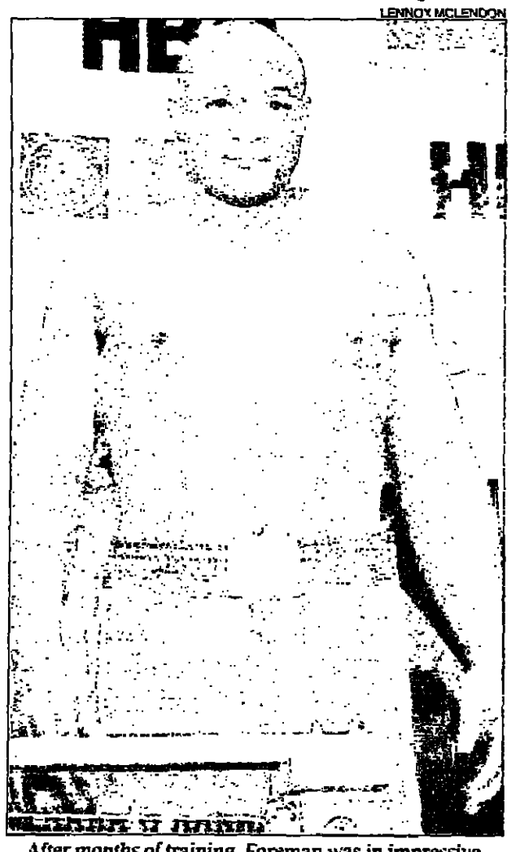
If Foreman's reflexes are too slow and he starts to get confused when Moorer catches him with his heavy punches, the bout could be over quickly or Foreman could be badly beaten up.

Although the general feeling here is that the bout will not go the distance, whoever wins, I feel that as Foreman's reflexes are not what they should be, he might depend on making it more of a boxing match than a fight, using his jab to stay ahead and his weight and size to lean on Moorer. I expect Foreman to steal the bout on points.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Moorer		Foreman
26	Age	45
15st12lb	Weight	17st12lb
6ft 2in	Height	6ft5in
78in	Reach	79in
	Chest	
42½in	Normal	47in
44in	Expanded	48in
17in	Biceps	17in
14in	Forearm	14½in
34in	Waist	39½in
26½in	Thigh	28½in
17in	Calf	20in
20in	Neck	20in
8in	Wrist	12in
12in	Fist	13 in
13in	Ankle	12in

LENNOX MCLENDON



After months of training, Foreman was in impressive shape when he stepped on to the scales yesterday

England's opening gambit goes to waste

Holland	4
England	1

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN BRUSSELS

AFTER a promising start, England were given a lesson by Holland, the hockey World Cup holders, who won with authority on the first day of the Four Nations Tournament here yesterday.

England were severely punished for their mistakes and for their failure to build on the lead that Crutchley had given them from a short corner in the tenth minute.

Crutchley won the corner, and finished the task with a brilliant scoop into the net. But soon after Williams, a substitute forward, steered the ball wide of a post.

Holland had earlier given more than a hint of their potential and in the space of seven minutes Mason, in the England goal, was brought into action to save from a short corner struck by Bovelander and from two other shots from open play.

In the last 11 minutes of the first half, Holland restored their fortunes, starting with a short corner converted by Bovelander with a direct hit in the 24th minute. Then, in a blistering onslaught on the England goal, three more goals were added by Delissen from a long corner, by de Noijer, on the rebound from a short corner, and by Veen from open play.

Shaw missed a chance to reduce England's arrears and, in the second half, they went close when Jansen, the Dutch goalkeeper, saved well from Garcia at a short corner. Mason then saved England from further trouble with two fine saves and he came to the rescue again in the dying minutes from a short corner.

HOLLAND: R Jansen, E Jazet, W van Pelt, G Portenaar, L Gebbink, R Blindman, M Delissen (capt), F Bovelander, S Veen, J de Noyer, W van Wijk.

ENGLAND: S Mason (Fenbranck), J Potter (Hounslow, capt), J Halls (Old Loughtonians), S Hazlett (Hounslow), Sohal Singh (Southgate), S Nicklin (Teddington), C Mayer (Cannock), R Garcia (Polo Club, Barcelona), N Thompson (Old Loughtonians), J Leslett (Teddington) R Crutchley (Hounslow)

Umpires: C Siebrecht (Germany), R De Wolf (Belgium)

When digging over dirt means missing the point



SIMON BARNES

On Saturday

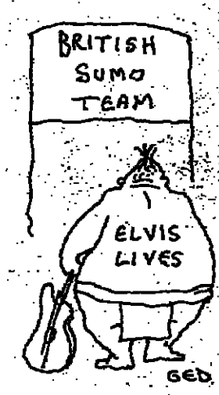
The column is proud to announce two new awards this week: the Crass Conclusions Prize and the Bandwagon-leaper of the Year. The two awards are subtly timed to coincide with *The Who's Who of Clumsy Communication*, an offering from a public relations company called The Fitzherbert Partnership. The winner of both my awards is ... The Fitzherbert Partnership.

At a time when the conduct of public life is under fierce scrutiny, it has chosen to have a crack at, of all soft targets, Mike Atherton, the England cricket captain. Nick Fitzherbert, the author of all this pathetic nonsense, says: "Mike Atherton is placed just behind the high street banks at No 2 in the Clumsies League, due to" — he means "owing to", but let it pass — "his failure to resign the England cricket captaincy having been directly connected with the most controversial issue within the sport. His quotes such as 'I am not a cheat' and 'I have never used artifical substances' simply did not square with the two fines he received ... Had he resigned swiftly, he could have minimised the damage done to English cricket, enabled himself to return after a decent break, and he could still have protested his innocence."

That clumsy communication has been a feature of the matter is not in doubt: that flawed understanding and warped perspective have confused it still further is a far more serious matter: and this is an error perfectly encapsulated by the above mindless drivel. Communication is a two-way process: Fitzherbert chooses not to listen. If he wants to make moral points, there are more important matters that demand his attention: there are wickeder ways of lining your pocket than the Atherton Method.

Backing Elvis

This column has ever been the supporter of glorious, if faintly doubtful, causes. Now, as the British ski-jumping team goes into temporary rest, I hear of the British sumo team which, in December, travels to Japan to contest, for the third time, the world amateur sumo championships. The British samurai, Steve, Bill and Elvis, go into the championships rippling with ambition. Elvis is Elvis Gordon, former judo world championship silver medal-winner, an immense person of still more immense good nature, who weighs in at 23 stone. Bill Etherington is 20 stone, and Steve Pateman a stripling of 19 stone. They will travel out to Japan, live, eat and sleep in a sumo stable and, when they fight, they will perform all the rituals of squatting and



throwing purifiying salt about the place. They will travel with my best wishes for some earth-shaking victories.

Late tackle

Man bites dog shock: in a third division football match in Portugal, the president of Argus, José Salvador Neves De Almeida, was banished from the touchline by the referee for repeatedly insulting the referee himself and his linesmen. Despite this, the president continued his attacks from a greater distance. When the match was over, the officials invited him into their dressing-room for the signing of the referee's report. The unwary president accepted the invitation, whereupon the officials attacked him, and rained a series of blows and kicks.

Contract capers

What would you do if you were offered a contract worth $60 million over nine years? Well, Glenn "Big Dog" Robinson turned it down when the Milwaukee Bucks offered just such a contract to him. He held out for $100 million over 13 years. Is he worth it? That's the point: Big Dog has not played a single second of professional basketball in his life. He comes in as No 1 draft pick from college basketball. Big Dog finally settled for a mere $70 million over ten years, which is still the largest contract ever given to a rookie.

Bold stager

Et maintenant, le tour guernesais — oui? Guernsey is having a punt for a stage or two of the Tour de France after Dover, Brighton and Portsmouth did so with such élan this year. It's a lot for a small island to bite off: local authorities had to cough up two million quid for *le tour anglais* after three years of negotiations, a cash sum paid to the organisers, countless inspections of the route and countless ammendments to it, financial responsibility for endless miles of crash barriers, police outriders, and even involvement of air traffic control for the helicopter fleet. Income to the towns involved is reckoned to be around £6 million, so perhaps it was all worth it. Guernsey is keen to stage an international sporting spectacle to replace the Powerboat Week, which cost them approximately £100,000. But the logistics of the Tour are frightening: 200 competitors, 1,000 journos, at least as many officials and back-up staff, 500 race vehicles, 200 planeloads — and then transport to and from the islands. The only lack courage on Guernsey

S Africans regroup with fair play at top of agenda

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE image of rugby union would be improved greatly if, at St Helen's today, Swansea and the South Africans could contrive the attractive encounter of which both sides are capable and which the tour so desperately requires. What good rugby there has been was buried by some squalid outbursts that reached a nadir at Neath on Wednesday.

That match was the subject for prolonged discussion by the Welsh Rugby Union's (WRU) general committee on Thursday but, thus far, it has agreed only to study a video of the match before determining whether further action is required. The committee meets again next Thursday.

This is no time for the game's officialdom to hang fire and hope the problem of violence will go away. Only one of the four games — that against Cardiff — has not been marred in some way and yesterday the South Africans' medical team had serious doubts whether Chris Badenhorst would be able to resume his playing career. The wing flew home to Bloemfontein on Thursday night.

It has not helped the tour that every game has been plagued by rain. Should the sun shine on St Helen's today, which boasts probably the best playing surface in Wales, there will be little excuse not to play an entertaining game.

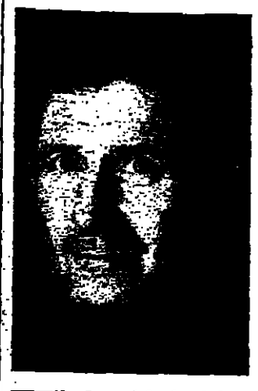
"We both have a responsibility to the game of rugby," Roger Blyth, Swansea's chairman of selectors, said yesterday. "It's not going to be a game of touch; it will be a full-blooded affair, but played within the laws."

The South Africans field a XV that must be close to their strongest side. It includes André Joubert, who has been outstanding at full back, though not Brendan Venter, a centre who will surely play against Scotland and Wales.

Swansea have not reached their present position of eminence by indisciplined play. They possess skill and experience in the key area of half back, the attacking stealth of Tony Clement at full back and such an abundance in the back row that Stuart Davies is among the replacements.

SWANSEA: A Clement; S Davies, R Boobyer, D Weatherley, S Marshall; A Williams, R Jones; I Buckett, G Jenkins, K Colclough, A Reynolds, P Arnold, R Monarty, R Appleyard, I Davies.
SOUTH AFRICAN XV: A Joubert; P Hendriks, J Mulder, P Muller, C Williams; H le Roux, J van der Westhuizen; P du Randt, U Schmidt, T Laubscher, F Pienaar, M Andrews, P Schutte, R Kruger, R Strauss.
Referee: S Hilditch (Ireland).

Stem violence with punitive action



In 1985, George Crawford, left, then a senior police officer and a leading rugby union referee, walked off during a match at Bristol in protest at violence on the pitch. Reprimanded by the Rugby Football Union, he gave up refereeing. Nine years on, and with a new tide of violence rising, he says it is time for the police to act.

The law of the land does not stop at the touchline of the playing field. A referee is responsible for actions on the field, but if criminal law is broken during a match, the police can act.

So where were the police on Wednesday when Neath met the South Africans at the Gnoll? It was one of the most violent games of rugby, with two separate fights each involving a dozen players from either side, and yet the constabulary failed to intervene, even though commentators suggested that the referee, Ray Megson, had lost control and the fighting was ferocious.

It is rare for the police to become involved. In football, despite some malicious tackles and players occasionally antagonising crowds, the police have normally left punishment to the referee and the Football Association. On the occasions when officers have come onto the playing area after fighting among the players, they have been within their rights to deal with the matter and forward papers to the Crown Prosecutor.

It is the responsibility of the police to ensure that the law is maintained — and it makes no difference whether fighting or violent acts take place on a rugby field or outside the Rose and Crown public house. From my experience as a former football ground police commander and as a stadium safety officer, I have no doubt that police would have taken action if these incidents had occurred at a football ground.

So why didn't they get involved at Neath? Could the answer be that rugby union has become so violent that police are unable to differentiate between what is lawful and unlawful in the game?

One can rest assured that the rugby authorities will either bury their heads in the sand or again prove impotent when it comes to putting their house in order. There is no reason to believe that they will act differently.

When Neath played the Australians in November 1992, Bob Dwyer, the Australian coach, talked about the conduct of some players as "a spitting, snarling disgrace". And when Philip de Glanville and Kyran Bracken suffered serious injuries during the All Blacks tour last year, officials declined to punish offenders because the referee failed to see injuries being inflicted.

And in South Africa this summer, the most nauseating act of sporting hypocrisy took place when a tribunal of "the chaps" decided that Tim Rodber, an Army officer who was dismissed for fighting during the England tour, received no punishment for punching an opponent.

At a time when rugby is attempting to display to the youth of the world that this is the game they should play, what signals are being received by the parents of those the game is targeting?

And at a time when the game is trying to get over the death of Seamus Lavelle, who died after being punched during a game between two London clubs, should those in authority not now take punitive action in an effort to stem the growing tide of gratuitous violence? In 1985 when, as a referee, I walked off the field at Bristol during their with Newport, I did so as a protest against violence in the game. I said that someone would be killed if severe action was not taken against all players who committed acts of foul play — and, it gives me no pleasure to report, I was right.

> 'Police may be forced to intervene on pitch'

Those in authority at the Rugby Football Union (RFU) decided to punish me by issuing a severe reprimand. For weeks nothing happened to either club and it was only after pressure from rugby correspondents that the RFU and the Welsh Rugby Union reluctantly decided to reprimand both clubs severely.

At the time, I made it known that I was prepared to watch the video of the game and was willing to name the players who had perpetrated the violence. I was not allowed to do so and it is amazing to note that video evidence has only recently been accepted by rugby's governing bodies even though it has been used in the criminal courts for years. Even then it will only be viewed after a complaint is received from an aggrieved player or his club. So much for cleaning up rugby.

Edward Grayson, the respected barrister and author of the definitive book on sports litigation, *Sport and the Law*, stated then that, as a policeman, I had failed to comply with my duties. He had no complaint about my walking off and, in fact, endorsed that action, but he was critical of my failure to go to the Magistrates' Court and swear out warrants for assault against those guilty of violence.

Grayson had a point, for as a senior police officer, I had been placed in an invidious position. By failing to make arrests or swear out warrants, I had breached the law of the land, which states that if a police officer witnesses a criminal offence he should take action.

Indeed, officers have gone to prison for not doing so and this leaves all those policemen and women who officiate regularly in any bodily contact sports, or merely spectate, in an invidious position. To support this, a spectating policeman recently did arrest a player for an alleged criminal offence committed during the game and the case did end up on court.

That is the law and it is my contention that if the authorities responsible for sport fail to take appropriate action then the law of the land must intervene, otherwise things will get out of hand.

Football has dealt ferociously with transgressors. Fighting on the field has been dealt with by instant dismissal and the FA has handed out severe punishments.

Rugby has failed to make an effort and as a result, we continue to get games like this week's fiasco at Neath. The time has come for the police and Crown Prosecutor to get tough on crime on the rugby pitch. They are reluctant to get involved after losing recent cases at court, but they are required to do so through their Oath of Allegiance. It is only as a result of such actions that we can hope to get some sanity back into rugby union, a game I love.

□ *George Crawford, 52, is a retired Metropolitan Police Chief Superintendent. He is the Safety Officer at Selhurst Park and still an active rugby referee.*



HUW EVANS

Flashpoint . . . Neath clash with the South Africans and flashback . . . Crawford walks off the Bristol pitch in 1985



Andrew robbed of match at Orrell

BY DAVID HANDS

IT MAY be some comfort to the sponsor that at least the first half of the rugby union league programme in England will conclude, today, with most clubs able to select their best players. What chaos the new year will bring remains to be seen, but the Courage Clubs Championship rolls down the curtain on the first act with those international players who choose to play so doing.

The England squad for the international next week with Romania will train tomorrow, with Ben Clarke, for example, having taken a deserved Saturday off from labouring in the Bath back row. Would that Rob Andrew had been given the chance to do so: the Wasps stand-off half returns from a business trip to Hong Kong this morning in time to join the predicated squad training at Twickenham, but not for his club's game at Orrell.

That is a consequence of the England management's decision, made earlier this week, to postpone its training by 24 hours, and Wasps, understandably, are not best pleased, since it gives Orrell the opportunity to play Dewi Morris, whereas they will be without Andrew. Guy Gregory will direct Wasps' fluid game, which will offer the London selectors, whose team for the divisional championship will be known early next week, food for thought.



Best: familiar old boy

Justyn Cassell, once of Saracens, but more recently of Harlequins, makes his league debut in the Northampton back row in the basement "four-pointer" with West Hartlepool. The side from the North East may have a sense of *déjà vu*, since Cassell scored against them in the league game with Harlequins last month, but all is proper.

Cassell signed for Northampton many moons ago, once he knew that work was taking him to Milton Keynes, and, while serving his qualification period, the rules permit him to play for Harlequins.

Harlequins, meanwhile, have brought back Dick Best, one of their better-known old boys, in the full-time role of director of rugby. The former England coach takes up the reins on December 1 in a job related to playing matters. "We want Dick to create a proper infrastructure round all our teams to ensure they are staffed with coaches, and to look at recruitment," Roger Looker, the chairman, said.

Best will cast a properly critical eye on the XV that plays Gloucester today, a match to be refereed by Stef Neethling, the leading official in South Africa, who also handles the international between England and Romania next week. Brian Moore and Will Carling return after injury and Kent Bray appears at stand-off because of Paul Challinor's latest injury. Clearly, it does not do to retire at the Stoop: Bray did and was instantly required to play full back. So did Craig Luxton, and he is on the bench.

Gloucester recall Richard West at lock, who, with David Sims, will examine the qualities of Alex Snow as a potential for the divisional side. Another candidate as London lock is Simon Shaw, who has recovered from a back injury in time to play for Bristol against Leicester, as have those other injured forwards, Alan Sharp, Robert Armstrong and Ian Patten.

Vigilante Hadley, page 1

International hurdle no barrier for Mullin

BRENDAN Mullin makes his return to international rugby today in familiar surroundings but unfamiliar circumstances (David Hands writes). The scene is Lansdowne Road, and he will play alongside Phil Danaher and Simon Geoghegan from the last Ireland back line in which he played, but against opponents whom even Mullin, an international high hurdler, has never met.

The American Eagles, on a flying four-match visit to Ireland, are planning not for the 1995 World Cup — for which they have not qualified — but for the one after that. Their team includes the former Wasp, Mark Williams, now 33, and a host of youngsters, of whom two, Dan Lyle and Ray Green, make their debuts. Half a dozen more have emerged within the last year.

Yet it is Mullin that the crowd will want to see, along with the bright young men, David Corkery, Keith Wood and Conor O'Shea, who added lustre to growing reputations on tour in Australia last summer. The time for Ireland to start convincing themselves that they can make a credible challenge in the 1995 World Cup is now, and Mullin, at 31, must show that he is still the class act of old.

Winning his 46th cap in an era when international appearances are two a penny, Mullin has yet to be overtaken by any other member of the Ireland side.

IRELAND: C M P O'Shea (Lansdowne); S P Geoghegan (Bath), B J Mullin (Blackrock College), P P A Danaher (Garryowen), J Bell (Ballymena), A J McGowan (Blackrock College), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution, captain), N J Popplewell (Wasps), K G M Wood (Garryowen), P M Clohessy (Young Munster), P T J O'Hara (Cork Constitution), N P J Francis (Old Belvedere), G M Fulcher (Cork Constitution), D Corkery (Cork Constitution), P S Johns (Dungannon)
UNITED STATES: M K Sika (Rhinos); C J Schlereth (St Louis Bombers), T Z Takau (Rhinos), R Green (University of California), V N Anitoni (Olympic), M A Williams (Gentleman of Aspen), A Bachelet (Old Blues, captain), C Lippert (CMBAC), T W Billups (Old Blues), D W James (Old Blues), D J Lyle (Aspen), W N Leversee (CMBAC), R R Randall (United), R Terdits (Mystic River), R A Lumkong (Old Blues)
Referee: J-L Rolandi (Argentina).

IN BRIEF

Graveney takes on new role for players

DAVID Graveney, the former Gloucestershire and Durham captain, has been appointed as the Professional Cricketers' Association's first full-time general secretary.

The post, which Graveney has accepted on an initial two-year contract, aims to raise the profile and the bargaining power of England's county cricketers. Graveney, 41, said yesterday that he was "very excited" at the prospect of working in the sport's newest job.

Rominger bid

Cycling: Tony Rominger, of Switzerland, who broke Miguel Indurain's world one-hour record two weeks ago, will attempt to improve his distance of 53.832 kilometres (33.6 miles) on the indoor track at Bordeaux today.

Swiss success

Equestrianism: Markus Fuchs, of Switzerland, won the Heineken accumulator prize at the Volvo World Cup show in Amsterdam yesterday with the temperamental stallion, Adelfos AC Folien. Roger Yves Bost, of France, on Souviens Toi III, was second.

Wright double

Badminton: Joanne Wright, of England, achieved a rare double when she reached the semi-finals of the mixed doubles — with Nick Ponting — and the women's doubles — with Julie Bradbury — in the Thailand Open in Bangkok yesterday.

Thames task

Rowing: Wade Hall-Craggs, in spite of a broken knuckle on his right hand received from weight training, will defend his Thames world sculling challenge crown over the Putney to Mortlake course at 1.10pm today. He will have three rivals, including the world lightweight champion Peter Haining, from Scotland.

Record deal

Basketball: As the National Basketball Association (NBA) begins its season this weekend, it was announced yesterday that Glenn Robinson has agreed a ten-year contract with the Milwaukee Bucks believed to be worth up to $75 million (about £50 million), the largest for a rookie in the NBA.

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BADMINTON

BANGKOK: Open tournament: Men: Quarter-finals: J Supriadi (Indo) bt Hu Zhifan (China) 15-10, 18-13; Dong Jiong (China) bt Ong Ewe Hock (Malaysia) 15-11, 15-3; Lin Liwen (China) bt Dwi Asmiko (Indo) 15-10, 15-10; Sun Jun (China) bt H Arbi (Indo) 15-8, 10-15, 17-14. Women: Quarter-finals: S Susanti (Indo) 1) bt Shen Luangfeng (China) 11-4, 11-1; Han Jingna (China) bt C Mangnusson (Swe) 11-7, 11-6; Yao Yan (China) bt S Charoensiri (Tha) 12-11, 12-10; Lin Xiao Qing (Swe) bt Zhang Ning (China) 12-11, 11-7.

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPION CLUBS' CUP: Semi-final series: Group A: Real Madrid 88 Scavolini Pesaro (It) 75; Panathinaikos 63 Maccabi Tel Aviv 62; Benfica 81 Ljubljana (Slovenia) 84 (Group B: Bayer Leverkusen 77 Barcelona 87, Joventut Badalona (Sp) 70 Efes Pilsen Istanbul 84.

CUP TROPHY: Derby Bucks 72 (Merrifield 24, Gardiner 20) Leicester City Riders 71 (Harris 25.

BOWLS

YETTON TROPHY (Women's inter-club championship): First round: Cumbrae A 105 Copeland 55; Sunderland 91 Darlington 63; Richardsons 92 New Essowick 72; York A 90 York B 56; Boston 80 Grantham 67; East Lindsey 86 Spalding 64; Bessetlaw 81 South Forest 55; Nottingham 104 Erewash 65; Leicester 111 Ashfield 49; March 89 Cambridge Chesterton B 56; Cambridge Chesterton A 124 Cambridge and County 44; Wymondham Dell 85 North Walsham 84; Beccles 89 Ipswich 79; Jacks Centre 77 Essex County A 75; Tye Green 84 Barking A 81; The Lawns 82 Ilford 69; Pickett's Lock 103 Glebelands 66; Riverain 89 Luton 72; Slade 83 Oxford City and County 79; Foxhill 97 Herts A 69; Rugby 96 Bromsgrove 58; Birmingham 90 Tamworth 59; Bentham 102 Banbury 63; Park Hall 92 Gloucester 73; Cambridge Park 84 Mole Valley 74; Old Coulsdon 108 Brixton 34; Croydon A 124 Lewisham 58; Egham A 96 Longmeadow 58; Wey Valley 74 Camberley A 54; Worthing 77 Weekden 72; Eastbourne B 82 Worthing Pavilion 75; Banister Park A 98 Five Rivers 87; Bridport and West Dorset 79 Moonfleet 74; East Dorset A 93 Isle of Purbeck 87; Bristol 75 Clifton 74; Clevedon 67 Clarke Dunbar 84; Ilminster 99 Donyatt 57; West Cornwall A 83 West Cornwall B 90; Plymouth Civil Service 107 Bodmin A 57.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Melbourne (third day of four): New South Wales 258 and 153-7 (K Roberts 51); Victoria 255 (D Jones 94, W Holdsworth 5-70). Hobart (first day of four): Tasmania 268-4 (R Ponting 117 not out) v Western Australia.

EQUESTRIANISM

AMSTERDAM: Volvo World Cup Show: Leesebouw Holland Prize: 1, M Whitaker (GB), Everest Twostep, 0 fls in 27.84sec; 2, W J van der Schans (Holl), Amor, 0 in 27.91; 3, J C Vangeenbergha (Bel), Cornister Little Boy, 0 in 27.95. The De Telegraaf Prize: 1, P Rozier (Fr), Belko Ubleze, 0 in 47.32. 2, T Fuchs (Switz), Planette AC Folien, 0in 47.35; 3, R Y Bost (Fr), Quatoubet du Roust, 0 in 47.85. Heineken Accumulator Prize: 1, M Fuchs (Switz), Adelfos AC Folien, 30.20 secs; 2, R Y Bost (Fr), Souviens Toi III, 30.67; 3, L Beerbaum (Ger), Sprehe Rush On, 32.52.

FOOTBALL

Thursday's results

CUP WINNERS' CUP: Second round, second leg: Arsenal 2 Brondby 2 (Arsenal win 4-3 on agg); FK Austria 1 Chelsea 1 (1-1 on agg, Chelsea win on away goals); Werder Bremen (Ger) 3 Feyenoord Holl) 4 (Feyenoord win 5-3 on agg); Auxerre (Fr) 2 Besiktas (Tur) 0 (Auxerre win 4-2 on agg); Real Zaragoza (Sp) 2 Tatran Presov (Cz) 1 (Real Zaragoza win 6-1 on agg); Panathinaikos (Gr) 0 FC Bruges (Bel) 0 (FC Bruges win 1-0 on agg); Grasshoppers (Switz) 3 Sampdoria (It) 2 (Sampdoria win 5-3 on agg); Ferencvaros (Hun) 2 FC Porto (Por) 0 (FC Porto win 6-2 on agg).

UEFA CUP: Second round, second leg: Borussia Dortmund (Ger) 3 Slovan Bratislava (Slovakia) 0 (Borussia Dortmund win 4-2 on agg).

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: United Arab Emirates 2 Qatar 0 (in Abou Dhabi).

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol Rovers 0 Queens Park Rangers 3.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Challenge Cup: Second round: Boston United 2 Matlock 3.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn Rovers 0 Stoke City 2; Bolton Wanderers 2 West Bromwich Albion 1; Manchester United 0 Rotherham United 1.

SPRINGHEATH PRINT CAPITAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Southend United 1 Brentford 3; Woking 0 Sutton United 2.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Totton 4 Horndean 1.

BUENOS AIRES: South American Supercup: Finst: First leg: Boca Juniors 1 Independiente 1

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Vasco da Gama 2 São Paulo 0; Internacional 1 Sport 0.

GOLF

BALI: Men's tournament: Second-round scores: 130: N Faldo (GB) 67, 63. 137: C Parry (Aust) 70, 67. 138: P Burke (US) 68, 70. 139: J Kay (Can) 73, 66. 140: N Kerry (Aus) 70, 70; D Frost (SA) 70, 70; Lu Chien Soon (Taiwan) 69, 71; R Lee (NZ) 73, 67. 141: G Moorhead (NZ) 72, 69; M Cunning (US) 67, 74; Ilyasak (Indo) 70, 71, M Campbell (NZ) 71, 70; J O'Keefe (US) 69, 72. 142: S Robinson (Aus) 70, 72; P Teravainen (US) 71, 71, P O'Malley (Aus) 73, 69; R Wills (Aus) 73, 69, S Tait (Aus) 69, 73; A Stotz (Aus) 69, 73; M Clayton (Aus) 71, 71; N Van Rensburg (SA) 69, 73; M Stevens (Aus) 70, 72; R Swanson (Aus) 68, 74. 143: M Philips (NZ) 70, 73, B Andrews (Aus) 69, 74; P Devenport (NZ); C Montgomerie (GB) 68, 75; G Stratfold (Aus); Kim Jong-Duck (S Kor) 74, 69; D Cruz (Phil) 70, 73; G Joyner (Aus) 70, 73; E Droop (Aus) 72, 71; T Gale (Aus) 67, 76; Cameron Howell (Aus) 72, 71

KAPALUA, Hawaii: Men's tournament: First-round scores (US unless stated): 66: J McGovern, T Lenman, F Couples, G McCord. 67: G Boros. 68: S Torrance (GB), E Humenek, C Dennis, K Triplett. 69: J Nicklaus, D Weibol, M Standly 70: R Gamez, J Thorpe, P Goydos. B Glider. S Simpson British: 72: B Lane 74: D Feherty.

BRASELTON, Georgia: Men's tournament: First round: 65: J Parnevik (Swe) 67: E Els (SA), T Steckmann (US) 68: M Pilz (Fin), 69: M Calcavecchia (US), M Roe (GB), D Clarke (GB), F Funk (US), C Whitelaw (SA), E Romero (Arg) 70: G Brand Jr (GB), L Janzen (US), P Mitchell (GB). 71: J Saavedra (Chile), P Nyman (Swe), A Johnstone (Zim), M McNulty (Zim), C Suder (US), B Watts (Can), B Jobe (US), G Webb (US).

HOCKEY

BRUSSELS: Four nations tournament: Holland 4 England 1; Spain 4, Belgium 1.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Daily Mail Under-16 Cup: Second round: Wisbech GS 5 St Benedict's, Ealing 38, Truro College 10 Penwith College 23, Latymer Upper 10 Hitchin Boys 44; St Ignatius 7 Davenant Foundation 22. Bradford Grammar 28 Lymm High 7; Bishop Wordsworth 25 Marling 5

SNOOKER

EDINBURGH: Benson and Hedges championship (England unless stated): Fourth round: B Jones bt I Bullmore 5-3; R Lawler bt P Wallace (Ire) 5-1; R Hull (Fin) bt P Davies (Wales) 5-3, A Hamilton bt D Henry (Scot) 5-3; A Robidoux (Can) bt S Coonsy 5-4; A Hicks bt D Clarke 5-3, M Stevens (Wales) bt M Macleod (Scot) 5-1; M Price bt M King 5-3; C Scanlon bt J Higgins (Scot) 5-2, M Clark bt M Judge (Ire) 5-3; J Burnett (Scot) bt O King 5-3. M Hallett bt G Dunn (Scot) 5-4, J Ferguson bt T Chappel (Wales) 5-3; D Harold bt E Hughes (Ire) 5-0, M Davis bt M Fenton 5-2, M J Williams (Wales) bt D Dale (Wales) 5-0. Fifth round: R Lawler bt B Jones 5-2, R Hull (Fin) bt A Hamilton 5-3, A Robidoux (Can) bt A Hicks 5-0, M Stevens (Wales) bt M Price 5-2; M Clark bt C Scanlon 5-4; J Burnett (Scot) bt M Hallett 5-2, J Ferguson bt D Harold 5-1; M Williams (Wales) bt M Davis 5-3

TENNIS

PARIS: Men's indoor tournament: Third round: B Becker (Ger) bt G Forget (Fr) 7-5, 7-6; A Agassi (US) bt T Martin (US) 6-2, 7-5. Quarter-finals: M Chang (US) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro) 3-6, 6-4, 7-6; S Bruguera (Sp) bt P Korda (Cz) 6-3, 7-6.

MONTEVIDEO: Men's tournament: Second round: A Bergaglegu (Sp) bt J Arrese (Sp) 6-4, 7-6. K Novacek (Cz) bt L Mattar (Bz) 6-2, 6-3, G Schaller (Austria) bt M Rios (Chile) 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; F Santoro (Fr) bt L Jonsson (Swe) 6-0, 4-6, 6-2; F Clavet (Sp) bt J Viloca (Sp) 7-6, 3-6, 6-4, A Vornea (Rom) bt V Spadea (US) 6-1, 2-6, 6-2, G Markus (Arg) bt M Hadad (Col) 6-1, 7-5

QUEBEC: Women's tournament: Second round: A Coetzer (SA) bt M Paz (Arg) 6-3, 6-1, L Harvey-Wild (US) bt L Courtois (Bel) 6-0, 6-2, B Schultz (Hol) bt M Drake (Can) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, C Rubin (US) bt M Bollegraf (Holl) 6-3, 6-4

OAKLAND, California: Women's tournament (US unless stated): Second round: Z Garrison Jackson bt M Werdel 6-3, 6-3. D Graham bt P Fendick 6-7, 6-2, 6-2, A Huber (Ger) bt M McGrath 6-0, 6-4. Third round: M Navratilova bt A Frazier 2-6, 6-4, 6-1

Schumacher tightens title hold

Pressure drives Hill towards brink of despair

FROM OLIVER HOLT
IN SUZUKA, JAPAN

THE BIG wheel kept on turning, Damon Hill kept on burning. Burning and burning until he exploded. Everything seemed to be crowding in on him yesterday, people giving him advice, Japanese supporters mobbing him, Michael Schumacher tightening his grip on the Formula One world drivers' championship. Like a claustophobic, Hill was desperate for escape.

There is something about the Japanese Grand Prix that gets to the drivers: its timing at the end of the year as the title race reaches a climax, perhaps, or the tensions induced by the near-hysteria of the supporters who crowd round anyone they suspect might be even vaguely associated with the main protagonists.

Alain Prost and Ayrton Senna both succumbed to it when they collided with each other in successive years. Nigel Mansell felt it when he crashed in qualifying here in 1987 and had to miss the last two races of the season. In its own way, it got to Hill here yesterday, too.

Usually the soul of courtesy and co-operation, even in the hours after the death of his team-mate, Senna, always polite and articulate, Hill brushed past reporters after Schumacher had beaten him to provisional pole position yesterday, refusing to comment. "There is nothing to say," he muttered.

DETAILS FROM SUZUKA

QUALIFYING TIMES: 1, M Schumacher (Ger) Benetton 1min 37.209sec (av speed 217.165kph); 2, D Hill (GB) Williams 1:37.598; 3, H-H Frentzen (Ger) Sauber 1:37.742; 4, N Mansell (GB) Williams 1:37.768; 5, J Herbert (GB) Benetton 1:37.828; 6, E Irvine (GB) Jordan 1:37.880; 7, J Alesi (Fr) Ferrari 1:37.907; 8, M Hakkinen (Fin) McLaren 1:37.998; 9, M Brundle (GB) McLaren 1:38.076; 10, R Barrichello (Bra) Jordan 1:38.533; 11, G Berger (Austria) Ferrari 1:38.570; 12, G Morbidelli (It) Footwork 1:39.030; 13, M Blundell (GB) Tyrrell 1:39.266; 14, U Katayama (Japan) Tyrrell 1:39.462; 15, J-J Lehto (Fin) Sauber 1:39.483; 16, P Martini (It) Minardi 1:39.548; 17, A Zanardi (It) Lotus 1:39.721; 18, C Fittipaldi (Br) Footwork 1:39.868; 19, O Panis (Fr) Ligier 1:40.042; 20, F Lagorce (Fr) Ligier 1:40.577; 21, M Alboreto (It) Minardi 1:40.652; 22, E Comas (Fr) Larrousse 1:40.978; 23, H Noda (Japan) Larrousse 1:40.990; 24, D Brabham (Aus) Simtek 1:41.659; 25, M Salo (Fin) Lotus 1:41.805; 26, T Inoue (Japan) Simtek 1:45.004; 27, B Gachot (Fr) Pacific 1:46.374; 28, P Belmondo (Fr) Pacific 1:46.629

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (after 14 races) Drivers: 1, Schumacher 86pts; 2, Hill 81; 3, Berger 35; 4, Hakkinen 26; 5, Alesi 19; 6, Barrichello 16; 7, D Coulthard (GB) 14; 8, Brundle 12; 9, J Verstappen (Hol) 10; 10, Blundell 8; 11, Panis 7; equal 12, N Lanni (It), Fittipaldi, Frentzen 6; 15, Katayama 5; equal 16, K Wendlinger (Austria), A de Cesaris (It), Martini, Bernard, Irvine 4; 21, Morbidelli 3; 22, Comas 2, equal 23, Alboreto, Lehto 1. Constructors: 1, Benetton 97pts; 2, Williams 95; 3, Ferrari 60; 4, McLaren 38; 5, Jordan 23; 6, Tyrrell 13; equal 7, Ligier, Sauber 11; 9, Footwork 9; 10, Minardi 5; 11, Larrousse 2.

REMAINING RACES: Tomorrow: Japanese, Suzuka. Nov 13: Australian, Adelaide

High above him, on the other side of the track, the big wheel that dominates the theme park surrounding the circuit kept on turning, bullets of neon illuminating its spokes. Noses pressed on the windows of its cubicles to try to get a better view of the final moments of the qualifying session.

It never stops, that wheel, turning slowly but relentlessly, forcing the customers who flock to it during the grand prix weekend to hop on while it rotates. Amid all the confusion and tension here, it seemed a curiously apposite symbol for the exhausting speculation, intrigue and force of will and effort that envelop Formula One.

Later Hill, who must finish second to keep his title hopes alive if Schumacher wins tomorrow, stopped for a drink in the Log Cabin, the circuit pub. "It's so oppressive here," he said, "they even follow you to your hotel room." Flavio Briatore, the Benetton managing director, sat at the bar, trying to tempt Hill with double whiskies.

Nigel Mansell, Hill's team-mate in the climax to the season, inevitably played a part in the drama, dismayed and angry that rumours had spread that he had banned David Coulthard, his rival for one of the Williams drives next year, from the team garage here, quick to deny them and to diffuse the situation.

Eddie Irvine, Jordan's charismatic Ulsterman, did his bit, too, finishing sixth in qualifying at the circuit where he was punched by Senna after his debut last year. "The last two races of the season should be a cruise for me," Irvine said. "We want to put the car on the front row tomorrow."

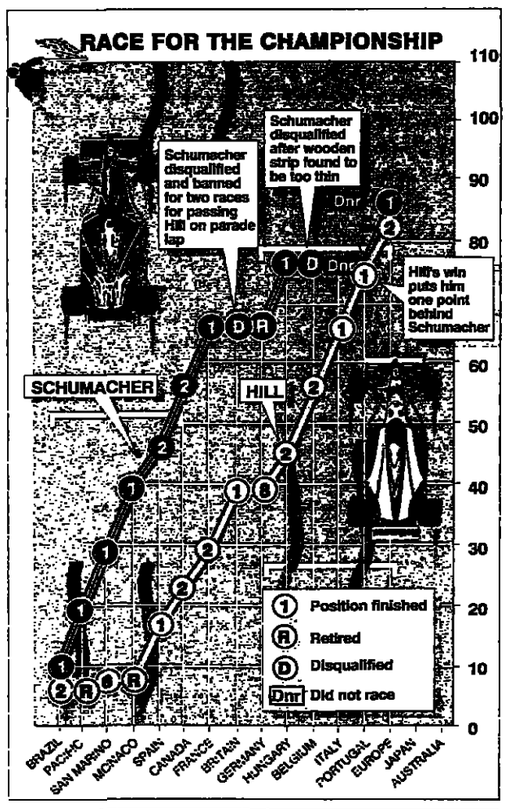
Hill, pale and drawn and brow furrowed, brooded with his engineers in debriefing long after the session had finished. "He looks so dark," Martin Brundle, the McLaren driver, said. Hill has convinced himself this is the race he has to win if he is to be world champion, that he cannot contemplate defeat to Schumacher, and yet the German, Teutonically confident, looks ominously in control.

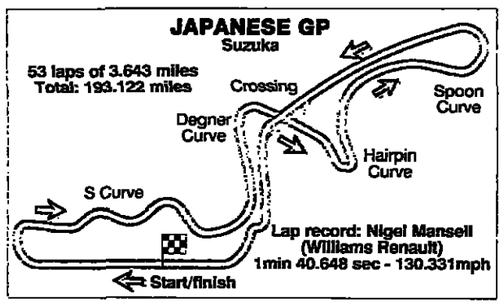
"I'm totally satisfied," Schumacher said. "The car has been nearly perfect from the first lap and there has been very little to do in terms of developing it. This has certainly been a good start to a weekend in which there is a lot of pressure. Now, let's say, the pressure is moving to someone else."

Mansell did his best to boost Hill's confidence, emphasising the difficulties he has faced, opining that Schumacher's Benetton-Ford was better than Hill's Williams-Renault.

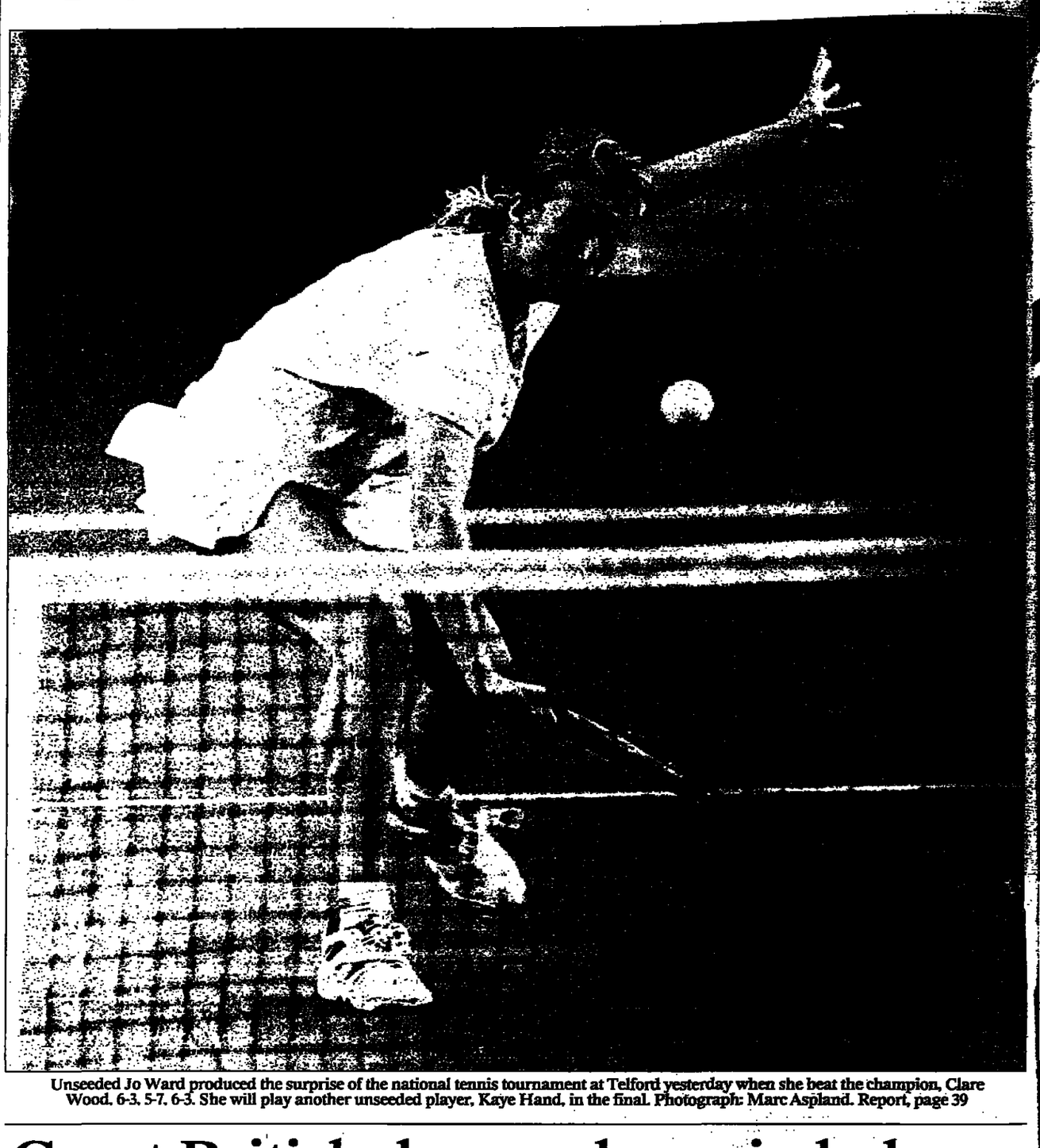
"Damon has done a fabulous job," Mansell said. "It is not over yet and it won't be even if Schumacher wins here. In 1986, I was ten points ahead of everyone else going into the last two races but I lost the championship. Michael is only five points ahead. If he finishes, Damon has got to finish too."

Even Mansell, though, who qualified in provisional fourth position behind Heinz-Harald Frentzen, could not disguise his admiration for Schumacher. "He is so as one with his car," he said. "He knows what it is going to do before it does it. I was like that when I won the world championship two years ago. It is a great feeling."





Ward takes path through Wood to final



Unseeded Jo Ward produced the surprise of the national tennis tournament at Telford yesterday when she beat the champion, Clare Wood, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3. She will play another unseeded player, Kaye Hand, in the final. Photograph: Marc Aspland. Report, page 39

Great British dreams hang in balance

Christopher Irvine predicts a tremendous tussle at Old Trafford as the Kangaroos seek to bounce back in the second John Smith's international

GREAT Britain dreamt at Old Trafford four years ago, only to wake up in a cold sweat at the theatre of ruined hopes. Once again, in the second John Smith's rugby league international today, the prize of a first series victory against Australia for 24 years lies tantalisingly within their reach.

The script is uncannily similar, with Britain once more winning act one at Wembley and history beckoning them on at the same venue. Been there, done that, applies to five of the Australian side who snatched victory in 1990 from the jaws of a drawn game in injury time.

Half a dozen of the Britain contingent know what it was to suffer on that occasion, a seventh with Ellery Hanley, the coach nowadays. Hanley, rightly, has his blinkers on. Conquering Australia is hard enough without staring back down the sheer wall of history from a position halfway up.

When Hanley talks of confrontations with Australia being decided by inches, however, it is the 14-10 defeat at Old Trafford to which his mind strays. Already his inspirational presence has conjured from a side more than was felt to be there. Suppressing opponents unlikely to fall into the same trap of compromising their expansive approach will test his talisman qualities to the limit.

Australia know, by and large, what they can expect, but have shuffled their deck with the introduction of Stuart and Wishart into the back line and Pay and Lazarus up front. There are again parallels with four years ago in Hanley's decision, like that of Malcolm Reilly before him, to stand by those who served him so well at Wembley.

A snare, perhaps? There were arguments for starting with Newlove and Schofield but, as game-breakers, the timing of their introduction could play just as significant a role. There is no Jonathan Davies to call upon as saviour this time, and 13, as opposed to 12 men at Wembley, can again expect their backs to be jammed up against the wall.

Britain's response to the dismissal of Shaun Edwards was guts and character, traits that Australia must show now. Faced with their quick, skilful passing game and support play, Britain can only respond in kind. Handling errors, of which the home side made surprisingly few last time, will then have the most important bearing.

The spirit and self-belief instilled by Hanley are precious commodities that Britain needs double rations of if the players are to reach the summit. Australia, certainly, are not the unbeatable foe they once were. But having been wounded — much of the damage, they insist, was self-inflicted — the Kangaroos have an unnerving knack of bouncing back.

In addition to 1990, they wrecked British hopes two years ago after Britain's victory in the second Test at Melbourne. Almost thriving on this adversity, Mal Meninga, the Australia captain, said: "I feel they played as well as they could and were rewarded at Wembley, whereas we were well below par, so there's plenty more to come."

It is hard to imagine such inspirational players as Mullins, Ettingshausen, Renouf and Daley failing to catch light a second time. Stuart is first-choice scrum-half for the first time since the 1990 tour, and the main cog in the attacking wheel. Britain's best chance is if Goulding, opposite him, can lob a spanner into his precision kicking and passing works.

The goal-kicking of Wishart gives Australia a new dimension, but up against Offiah in his predatory mood, there might be a vulnerability on the left side. Speed in the threequarters is not a problem for Britain, nor can two evenly matched packs really be split, in which case containment, elimination of errors and faultless tackling will be the chief requirements.

Britain would be advised to avoid any pre-match replay of the Old Trafford 1990 *denouement*: Stuart sweeping past an exhausted Lee Jackson and going 60 yards before Meninga plunged over. *Déjà vu* and a decider at Elland Road on November 20 could well be the outcome.

OLD TRAFFORD

GREAT BRITAIN		AUSTRALIA
G Steadman (Castleford)	1	B Mullins (Canberra)
J Robinson (Wigan)	2	A Ettingshausen (Cronulla)
G Connolly (Wigan)	3	M Meninga* (Canberra)
A Hunte (St Helens)	4	S Renouf (Brisbane)
M Offiah (Wigan)	5	R Wishart (Illawarra)
D Powell (Sheffield)	6	L Daley (Canberra)
B Goulding (St Helens)	7	R Stuart (Canberra)
K Harrison (Halifax)	8	G Lazarus (Brisbane)
L Jackson (Sheffield)	9	S Walters (Canberra)
C Joynt (St Helens)	10	I Roberts (Manly)
D Betts (Wigan)	11	D Pay (Canterbury)
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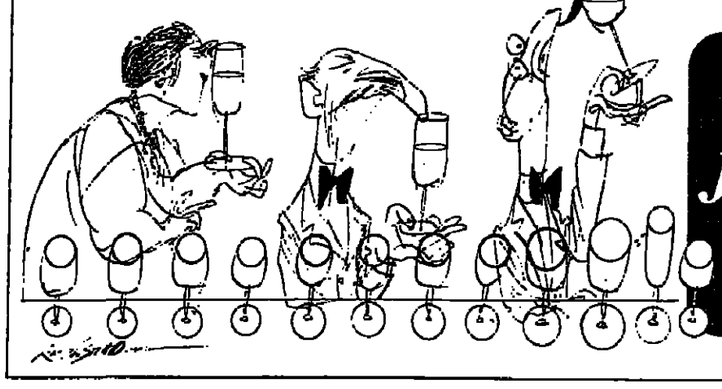
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SUBSTITUTES: 14 A Langer (Brisbane), 15 T Brasher (Balmain), 16 G Florimo (North Sydney), 17 D Fairleigh (North Sydney).

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WEEKEND

CONFESSIONS OF A SERIAL HEN NIGHTER



By Alicia Drake

The accused was last seen in Soho on Saturday at 3am. She was wearing one false eyelash, black jack-boots, a silver rubber mini A-line and barrister's wig, and was begging to be taken to Brighton. Would the accused now stand before the jury and expand on the events leading up to that time?

I was the hen at a hen night. Consider it, your Honour, a case of high jinx and hilarity rather than debauchery. We ordered no stripagrams, we frequented no dive bars. I was simply the victim of a girls' night out.

On the day in question an alcoholic lunch was consumed, after which a barrister's wig and a silver rubber skin-graft of a skirt seemed entirely appropriate dress code for my final stand. For the bridal outfit I had aspired to a princess-like vision of Duchesse satin, but for the hen night I wanted a look that spoke independence and erotica. The wig was my fiancé Rupert's own, and has been witness to two generations of cross-examination and human folly, but has never been party to it, so to speak.

We assembled for the night in the cavernous candle-lit basement of an Islington restaurant appropriately named the Candid Café. No other diners were present, just 18 of my closest friends, all wearing wigs.

Something about wigs brings out the exhibitionist in any girl, but most of these friends needed no such artificial stimulation. Significantly, every brunette was camped up in bimbo shades of blonde, culminating in Rozelle, who arrived in a dizzy fuzz of peroxide nylon, and then made "blonde" conversation throughout the evening.

We started in a civilised way, lots of middle-class, educated, career girls chatting about the week at work — you know the sort of thing, I can only explain the ensuing loss of inhibitions by the number of vodka and ginger beer cocktails consumed. By the end of the first course, Mary was standing on the table dressed in a tinsel wig and tartan tights and reciting "Ozymandias".

This esoteric level of entertainment did not last. By the end of the second course, I was lying on the table like a stuck pig, being fed red wine from a wine box, most of which missed my mouth and entered my left eye. Fearing that cheap red wine could react nastily with false eyelash glue, I kicked and screamed, accusing the pourer of attempting to turn me blind before marriage.

It is a sad admission, but put women alone in an enclosed space — similar to the one we had invaded — and we resort to those same group behavioural patterns we so abhor in men. Drinking games, drinking penalties, drinking races, dancing on the tables, singing, screaming — it's puerile, it's neanderthal, but we love it. Take men out of the equation and women lose all affectation; in fact, you lose your self-consciousness, eat too much, drink too much and behave badly . . . especially during a hen night. Hugh Kelly, the 18th-century Irish playwright, put his finger on it in *Memoirs of a Magdalen*: "Of all the stages in a woman's life, none is so dangerous as the period between her acknowledgment of a passion for a man, and the day set apart for her nuptials."

Dangerous for whom, though? Did we actually offend? Hardly, your Honour — please don't think of a hen-night as an affront to the holy sacrament of marriage, but rather an affirmation by the bride of continued solidarity to her friends. And as the

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David Sinclair

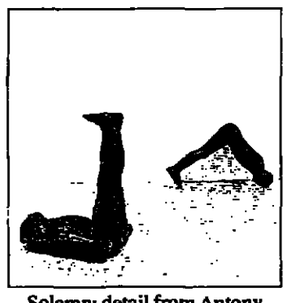
CLIFF RICHARD: The reason for this so-called Hit List Tour is both simple and impressive: to put on a show which strings together the 35 Top 4 hits which Cliff Richard has recorded, from "Move It" (No 2 in 1958) to "Saviour's Day" (No 1 in 1990). It's an incredible tally, and despite his lightweight reputation, Richard is no slouch when it comes to putting on a live performance. As well as utilising the latest technology, he will be accompanied by the best musicians money can buy.
NEC, Birmingham (021-780 4133), November 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16; **Wembley Arena**, Middlesex (081-900 1234), November 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30; **SECC**, Finnieston Street, Glasgow (041-248 9999), December 4, 5, 6; **Aberdeen Exhibition Centre**, The Bridge Of Don (0224 620011), December 8, 9, 10; **Sheffield Arena** (0742 565656), December 13, 14, 15, 16; **Kings Hall**, Lisburn Road, Belfast (0232 665225), December 19, 20; all shows 7.30pm.

ROXETTE: Since last year, Marie Fredriksson and Per Gessle, from Sweden, have taken to calling themselves "The World's No 1 Duo", which may or may not be a fair reflection of Roxette's record sales, but certainly doesn't take into account the unusually content-free nature of their cheerful pop-rock songs. Success has been astronomical, but credibility remains frozen at sub-zero.
Wembley Arena, Middlesex (081-900 1234), Wednesday 9; **Sheffield Arena** (0742 565656), Monday 14; **Edinburgh Exhibition and Trade Centre**, Ingliston (031-333 3036), Tuesday 15; **NEC**, Birmingham (021-780 4133), Thursday 17; all shows 7.30pm.

GALLERIES

Richard Cork

TURNER PRIZE: As a prelude to the Turner Prize award ceremony on November 22, the Tate Gallery is staging a selection of work from the four short-listed contenders. They turn out to be rather more traditional than their predecessors. Sculpture is again to the fore, with Antony Gormley's solemn figures cast from his own body. Shirazeh Houshiary also makes objects as well as meticulous, painting-sized drawings, and Peter Doig concentrates on paint alone. Many years have passed since a landscape painter like Doig has appeared in the Turner line-up. Willie Doherty, the Northern Ireland artist, meditates on his country's violent history through his video installations.
Tate Gallery (071-887 8000) until December 4.



Solemn: detail from Antony Gormley's *Testing a World View*

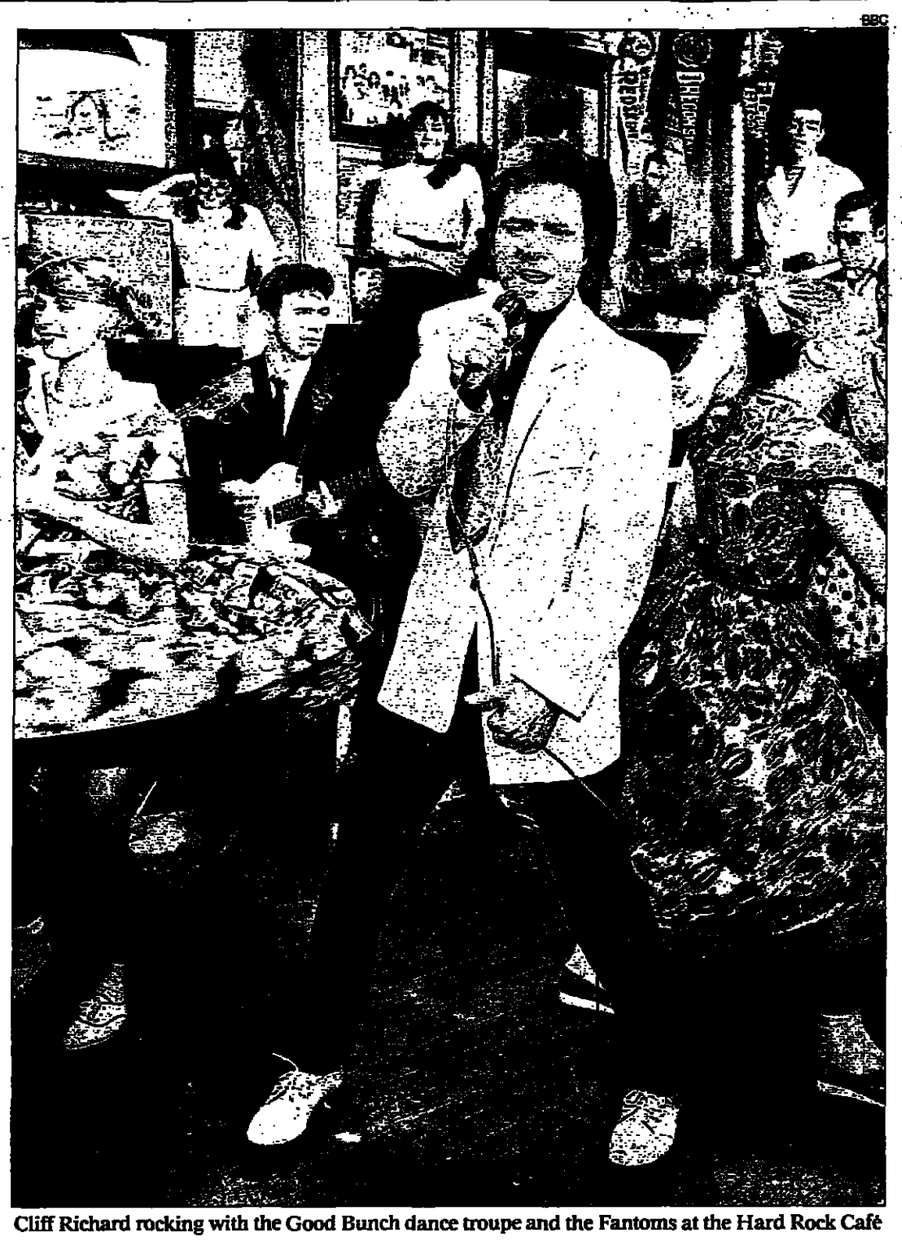
MISE EN SCENE: An intriguing triple-bill at the ICA, where a recently discovered woman Surrealist shares the space with two younger British artists. In Claude Cahun's extraordinary self-portrait photographs, she constantly changes clothes, expressions and genders. Virginia Nimarkoh uses photographs as well, but they are found images blown up to mural size; the private becomes strangely public. But Tacita Dean explores enigmas in her films, which probe the myths surrounding the martyred St Agatha and the girl stowaway Jean Jeinnie.
ICA, The Mall (071-930 0493) until November 27.

THEATRE

Benedict Nightingale

PENTECOST: David Edgar sets his latest play in an ancient Balkan church that has also been a mosque, a communist museum, a Nazi torture chamber and much else. With both Byzantine scholars and terrorists adding their bit to the place's history, the result is a cluttered, fascinating meditation on the complexities of nationalism.
Other Place, Stratford (0789 295623). Evening, Tuesday, November 8 at 7.30pm; matinees, Wednesday November 9 and Saturday November 12 at 1.30pm. Continues in repertoire.

THE PRIME OF MISS JEAN BRODIE: Hands elegantly fluttering, Edinburgh vowels serenely in place, Patricia Hodge brings class and style to Muriel Spark's fascist schoolmarm. You can see why her baleful charm might destroy an impressionable child.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Evenings, Monday to Saturday at 7.45pm; matinees, Thursday and Saturday at 2.30pm.
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BBC

Cliff Richard rocking with the Good Bunch dance troupe and the Fantoms at the Hard Rock Café

DANCE

John Percival

ASHTON CELEBRATION: Two of the greatest works ever created for the Royal Ballet are revived at Covent Garden this week after too long an absence. Frederick Ashton's *Symphonic Variations* is a masterly translation into dance of César Franck's music for piano and orchestra, and his *Daphnis and Chloe* takes Ravel's wonderful score as the starting point for a lyrical tale of abduction overcome by true love. With Bernard Haitink conducting the first four performances, this should be a rare treat. This celebration of the Ballet's founder-choreographer also includes a shorter Ravel work, *La Valse*, and duets from *Birthday Offering* and *Sylvia*.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-304 4000) Thursday and Friday at 7.30, then November 14, 16, 21, 28 and 30.

CINDERELLA: Do not expect a straightforward version of the familiar fairy story, or Prokofiev's well-known score, in Christopher Gable's production, which Northern Ballet Theatre brings to London after touring. Gable introduces the heroine's brother and mother who both meet early deaths so that their ghosts can accompany her on adventures with big birds, an unpleasant step family and a handsome prince. The score introduces electro-acoustic music and sound projection.
Sadlers Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916) Tuesday until November 19 (except Sunday) at 7.30 pm, matinees Wednesday 9 at 2 pm and Saturdays at 2.30 pm.

FILMS

Geoff Brown

MARY SHELLEY'S FRANKENSTEIN (15): The media have hitched this to Kenneth Branagh's bandwagon, but the movie is more a companion to Coppola's *Bram Stoker's Dracula* than any of Branagh's past directorial flings. You get cinematic trickery without end, sexual passions, gory details (Robert De Niro's creature seems stitched with barbed wire), some tongue-in-cheek humour, and striking sets. The cumulative effect is none too cheery, though you can always enjoy De Niro's subtle performance, and laugh at John Cleese teaching anatomy with lines like "Mr Frankenstein, the incision is yours". Branagh is the misguided Victor; Helena Bonham Carter his unfortunate lady love.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096); **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705). **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666); **Leicester Square** (0426-915 683); **Marble Arch** (0426 914501); **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098); **UCI: Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

LONDON FILM FESTIVAL: The 38th annual orgy is now under way, offering a wide range of films, great, good and indifferent. Today cult director Hal Hartley is interviewed on stage: tomorrow, the gaunt king of horror, Christopher Lee. Sunday also brings Wong Karwai's *Chungking Express*, the year's friskiest film, and *Muriel's Wedding*, an Aussie tale of an ugly duckling making good that gives the emotions a pummelling. Tuesday offers the atmospheric Tunisian *Silences of the Palace*.
National Film Theatre (071-928 3232)
● *More films, page 6*

OPERA

Rodney Milnes

ROMEO ET JULIETTE: Gounod's score may be uneven — there's all that wretched *plot* to be got through — but the love duets are amongst the loveliest and most touching in all 19th-century opera. Similarly, the Royal Opera's new production, shared with Toulouse, may be reach-me-down fustian, but in Leontina Vaduva and Roberto Alagna they have two young singers who look and act like teenagers and sing with just the right mix of sensitivity and robustness. Sir Charles Mackerras, who wallows unashamedly in this kind of music, draws textures of ravishing beauty from the pit. Take a hankie or two.
Royal Opera House, Bow Street, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), Wednesday 9, 7.00pm.

DON QUIXOTE: Or make it French Opera Week with the last chance to catch Ian Judge's lively staging of Massenet's fantasy on Quixotic themes, a whizzbang production full of colour and theatrical knowhow from which the gentle sentiment emerges intact, thanks to a perfectly calculated, movingly autumnal performance of the title role by Richard Van Allan. Louise Winter and Alan Opie provide sturdy support, and the French conductor Emmanuel Joel catches the idiom perfectly. Another two-hankie job, I'm afraid.
London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), Wednesday 9, 7.30pm.

CLASSICAL

Richard Morrison

JUST A MOMENT: The appearance of Karlheinz Stockhausen's name in a festival called "Deutsche Romantik" is one of the more unexpected items in the South Bank's concert calendar. Stockhausen's methods — his total serialism, his pioneering of electronic sounds and anti-symphonic structures — once seemed as far removed from 19th-century Romanticism as the avant-garde was ever likely to get. But as Stockhausen continues to churn out the preposterously self-important chunks that will eventually become a seven-night opera called *Licht*, we can perhaps see clearer links with Wagner and others. The Deutsche Romantik offering is *Momente*, the dazzling music-theatre work he wrote 30 years ago for four choirs. This performance, with the Birmingham Contemporary Music Group, will be repeated later in the month at the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Fri 7.45pm.

NEW FOR ROSTROPOVICH: The 62-year-old Russian composer Rodion Shchedrin follows the illustrious lead of Prokofiev, Shostakovich and Britten in writing a cello concerto for Mstislav Rostropovich. Shchedrin's piece, titled *Sotto Voce Concerto*, is premiered in this London Symphony Orchestra concert conducted by Seiji Ozawa, who also guides the LSO through Beethoven's "Pastoral" Symphony. Ozawa is a conductor of the subtlest inclinations; his rare appearances in Britain should be savoured.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2. (071-638 8891). Tues, Wed, 7.30pm.

JAZZ

Clive Davis

GENE HARRIS: The opening dates of a tour that is not to be missed. An impassioned blues-based pianist, Gene Harris first made his mark more than 30 years ago as a member of that sumptuous trio the Three Sounds. After a long period of obscurity, playing hotels way out in Idaho (which remains his home base), he returned in all his glory in the 1980s with the Ray Brown Trio. His own quartet favours less sophisticated material than theirs, but the sound of Harris piling one scorching riff on top of another is quite unforgettable. In Soho this week he will be joined by the hard-blowing tenor saxophonist Teddy Edwards, who will also be leading his own quartet on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday.
Queens Festival, Belfast, Thur; **Pizza Express**, Dean St, London W1 (071-439 8722) Fri, Sat (also 17, 18, 25); **Bull's Head**, Lonsdale Rd, London SW13 (081-876 5241) Sun 13, noon; **Pizza On The Park**, Knightsbridge, London SW1 (071-235 5273) Sun 13, 9pm; **Corner House**, Heaton, Newcastle, Wed 16.



Gene Harris: scorching

WALLACE RONEY: When Miles Davis returned to the classic orchestral arrangements of "Miles Ahead" and "Sketches of Spain" at the Montreux Festival shortly before his death, Wallace Roney was at his side, unfurling solos of rare purity every time the older man stumbled. In looks and posture, too, Roney bears a curious resemblance to Miles, circa 1963. That has proved a mixed blessing, of course, raising expectations that Roney has not always been able to fulfil. But if his playing sometimes appears too self-conscious, too weighed down by history, he remains a bright hope for the 1990s.
Jazz Café, Parkway, London NW1 (071-916 6060) Wed.

MUSEUMS

John Russell Taylor

LUMB ON WHEELS: When she died in 1992, at the age of 61, Edna Lumb already had some work in the London Transport Museum's permanent collection — understandably since vintage vehicles exerted a particular fascination for her and featured in many of her paintings. She was also the artist to chronicle the transformation of the museum's home, the Old Flower Market in Covent Garden, to its present function. This memorial exhibition ranges much further than the margins of Metroland: as far afield as Africa, and taking in aircraft and rail as well as transport in London. The proceeds go to the Edna Lumb Artistic Trust.
London Transport Museum, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-836 8557). Daily 10am-6pm, until Nov 23. Museum admission £3.95, concessions £2.50.

TO LIFE! Dora Holzhandler, born in Paris in 1928 to Polish-Jewish parents, has been based in London since she was five. Though she studied at the Sorbonne and has travelled extensively to Israel, India and Thailand among other places, much of her art is rooted in the Jewish community of London's East End. The present show constitutes at once a sort of retrospective and a cyclic depiction of the Jewish year with its feasts, fasts and festivals, often as refracted through the artist's memories of her own childhood. The paintings are placed in a biographical context with photograph and other documents from Holzhandler's life.
The Saint Mungo Museum of Jewish Life and Art, 2 Castle Street, Glasgow (041-553-2557). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sunday 11am-5pm, until March 26.

LONDON

Schools Prom: Three days of music (Rock to Reggae) performed by 1,000 young musicians from England and Wales.
Royal Albert Hall, SW7 (071-589 8212). On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (7th - 9th) at 7pm. Adults and children from £3.

A Peck of Pickled Pepper: Saturday adventure show about cooking for three to five-year-olds.
Polka Theatre for Children, 240 The Broadway, Wimbledon SW19 (081-543 4888). Today at 11am; 12.30 and 2.30. Adults and children £3.50.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Experience a typical ballet dancer's day: learn technique, choreography and perform a ballet. Eight years upwards.
Aylesbury High School, Aylesbury (0494 714188). Tomorrow from 10am. Children £12. (limited: telephone first)

CLEVELAND

Family fireworks party: A river divides display and spectators.
Riverside Park, Riverside Road, Stockton-on-Tees (01642 670067). Today from 7.30. Admission free.

COUNTY DURHAM

Guy Fawkes, bonfire and fireworks: Round Table event for the family.
Old Consett Steel Works, Consett, Durham. (01207 281144). Today from 6pm. Admission free.

HAMPSHIRE

Fun on Fireworks Night: Enter the best-dressed Guy competition. Also apple bobbing; free treacle toffee and toffee apples; Guy Fawkes face painting.
Brooks Shopping Centre, Winchester (0962 849030). Today from 10am. Admission free. (limited)

ISLE OF WIGHT

Family fireworks evening at Carisbrooke Castle (0983 522107).
Today from 5.30 (display at 7.30). Adults £2, children £1.

NORTHUMBERLAND

Night of a thousand guys: bid to set world record for burning this many guys on a massive bonfire. Also jugglers, trick cyclists, stilt walkers and acrobats. Opened by Trojan, the Gladiator.
Spittal Point, Berwick-on-Tweed. (01289 330733). Today at 6pm. Adults and children £2.



Pyrotechnics nationwide

OXFORDSHIRE

Gulp: A Floating Point Science Theatre children's show. Learn about water through a story of two gnomes.
Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford (0865 247134). Today at 10.30am. Adults £3.50, children £2.50.

SCOTLAND

Junior orienteering championships: suitable for primary school ages.
Kinnoull Hill, Perth (0738 639911). Today from 10am. Children 50p. (limited)

STAFFORDSHIRE

Funfair and fireworks: Bonfire lit by Lord Lichfield.
Shugborough, Milford, near Stafford (0889 881388). Today from 11am. Adults £3.50, children £2.

WALES

Put on a miner's helmet and go down a real coal mine. Not suitable for under-fives.
Big Pit, Blaenavon, Gwent (0495 790311). Today and tomorrow from 9.30am. Adults £4.95, children £3.50.

YORKSHIRE

Pictures, pits and people: new art/photographic exhibition of our mining past. Plus children's activity area.
Yorkshire Mining Museum, Caphouse Colliery, New Road, Overton, Wakefield (01924 848806). Starts on Monday at 10am. Adults £5.50, children £4 (includes underground tour). (award-winning)

JANE BIDDER

Ruth Gledhill heads for Ormskirk to hear a preacher at a confirmation service

AT YOUR SERVICE



ANYONE wanting to find out how well their bishop preaches could attend his next confirmation service, the sacramental rite at which the baptised affirm their faith and receive an endowment of grace through the laying on of the bishop's hands. As part of the build-up to the College of Preachers and *The Times*'s Preacher of the Year Award I went to my first confirmation service since my own more than 20 years ago, to hear the Right Rev Michael Henshall, Bishop of Warrington and a member of the council of the College of Preachers.

The bishop, with his kindly face and traditional ecclesiastical dress, was an archetype of the Church of England hierarchy, offering "tough love" in his firm, sometimes stern but generally affectionate delivery. Addressing the six candidates before the service, Bishop Henshall said: "I hope you are feeling a bit nervous. It is pretty important not to take God too much for granted. Coming into his presence and feeling a bit nervous is entirely proper." He asked us "to surround the candidates with love, with care, with our prayers". To those not being confirmed, the object was "to be open to what God is saying to us in our lives this morning". It was "a glorious occasion and a reminder of the risen, glorified presence of the Lord Jesus Christ".

Before their confirmation Paul Kirby, the vicar, interviewed one of the candidates, Kevin Singleton, who recently married a member of the church's music group. He said he had always believed in God, but had only recently begun going to church. "I expected a very cold, bleak building, boring sermons, falling asleep. It was the total opposite. The music drew me in. I gradually began to enjoy it, and to look forward to coming each Sunday." He said he felt "more at peace with myself" and close to his wife as a result.



IAN MILLAR

Stern but affectionate address: Bishop Henshall at the pulpit

Bishop Henshall preached on a text from John's gospel: "I am the way." He said: "We need to take that word 'way' seriously. Some people get into cul-de-sacs in their Christian pilgrimage. They come to a stop. Each year we ought to review our progress, and if we are in a cul-de-sac, to get ourselves out and on to the highway."

He continued: "Faith and love are pretty well central to the Christian faith. When we walk the way of Jesus along the royal highway, we need an abundance of faith and love." He thought it "sad that in the Church of England people's faith is so thin that they judge the local church on whether they happen to like the vicar or not, or whether the church has the right music. There is a real distinction to be drawn between the English commitment to religion and our commitment to Christianity."

● Ormskirk parish church, Ormskirk, Lancashire. Tel: 0695 571832.

VICAR: The Rev Paul Kirby

ARCHITECTURE: A massive structure, with chancel arcade dating from 1270, other parts from 16th century onwards. Unusually, the church has a tower and a steeple, the former built to house the bells which could not be hung in the steeple. ★★★

MUSIC: Mixture of traditional hymns with organ, and guitar-led song group performing well-known evangelical numbers as well as their own material. ★★

LITURGY: Confirmation service where candidates are asked: "Do you repent of your sins?", "Do you renounce evil?" and "Do you turn to Christ?". One of the better modern liturgies. ★★★

SERMON: The bishop appeared to be preaching generally, but, judging by the subsequent heated chat over tea, his skilful address cast an occasionally unwelcome light over parish disputes and difficulties. ★★★★

AFTER-SERVICE CARE: Longish queue for tea, coffee and buscuits, plus TLC at the vicarage for those in need. ★★

SPIRITUAL HIGH: Confirmation of my expectations. ★★★

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'Wigs awry, we stormed the dance floor'

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bride-to-be, one has a duty to liven up proceedings. Girlfriends assume this will be your last time out alone; they look into your future and see a marital social void of Friday nights spent eating television dinners. This night belongs to them and they must not be disappointed.

The leather-clad, hooded man was my sister Sarah's doing. In his defence, he is a good friend and does not normally cavort on bannisters wearing a rubber submission hood and wielding a whip.

Of course, I recognised him immediately, but his appearance was still scary. I do not watch horror films and I am not cut out for S&M. He descended the stairs and I ran. No one came to my rescue and I had to grapple with the intruder myself, before I could pull the mask off his head and reveal him as a former fellow student, Dan.

For Dan, this was the culmination of a nerve-wracking day. He had spent the afternoon in a sex shop being talcum powdered down and squeezed into rubber by a man dressed in a skirt. Then he had had to cut a bigger mouth in the mask so he could breath.

Objection: we were not thrown out of the restaurant, but rather encouraged to leave and that was only after John Travolta, aka Nick, made a guest appearance at our table — and broke it. A vision in man-made fibre, black plastic quiff and airline collars, Nick swung in on a rope from the ceiling to the sound of the BeeGees's "Night Fever", overturning a candelabra, breaking a table leg and sustaining severe loss of palm skin.

At 11.30pm, a harassed-looking manageress bribed us with the offer of free tickets to a disco at the Blue Angel pub opposite, on condition we left her restaurant immediately. Party poopers caught cabs home and the remaining hard-core ravers spewed out onto the cobbled street. Wigs awry, we stormed the disco and mobbed the floor.

Hen night met stag night — not my beloved's but another, a group of ten nice boys dressed, if not to kill, then at least to relax on their victim's last night of freedom. An unscheduled clash of disco fever overcame the hens. Seconds later, a cowed stag party beat a retreat from the dance floor and watched from behind a protective wall of lager bottles as the girls strutted their funky stuff.

TOM WEBSTER



After the excesses of her hen night, Alicia Drake gratefully accepts the sentence: marriage for life

The Blue Angel Disco gauged the mood and played Cindy Lauper's "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" over and over as we crashed and boogied in a sweaty lather.

Double vision set in and girls began to peel off home. I was gripped with an irrational panic — the sort you experience aged ten when pass-the-parcel has passed, the jelly regurgitated and the birthday party is over. I understood now my fiancé's regret that he hadn't ended his stag night with both legs in plaster, strapped to a train heading to Glasgow. He had at least survived a 24-hour stag blast of bungee jumping and paintballing dressed as Superman. Here was I, abandoned at 3am.

I tried vainly to prolong the night with emotional blackmail, begging my one sober friend to drive me to Brighton so I could see dawn break. A ridiculous plea, and one that was justly ignored. So I put my jack-boot down and demanded to be taken to Soho.

Which was how, members of the jury, I came to be dancing in Bar Italia, high on caffeine and excitement and refusing to go home.

The verdict: guilty of acute fun in the first degree. I gratefully accept a sentence of marriage for life.

Cover photograph showing the author (prostrate) at her hen night by DENZIL McNEELANCE

Giles Coren asks which came first — stag party or hen night?

MARY EVANS



Single-sex parties are renowned for getting out-of-hand, as shown in this Hogarth print

Parties through the ages

In these liberated and lascivious times, the tradition of the hen party has become an oily one of half-naked Chippendales and singing Tarzans, nice girls in nice dresses getting up to all sorts of nasty things. It was not always so. As recently as 1960, a columnist in *The Guardian* was still assuring her readers that "a hen party can be a very pleasant, relaxing affair, particularly for the older woman". The pleasantness, of course, may well have been due to a rigorous interpretation of the Oxford Dictionary definition of "hen party" as "a gathering consisting only of women". This was a Sixties which had not yet started to swing.

The stag night, too, has developed from more sombre roots than its present manifestation would suggest. In April 1856, *Knickerbocker Magazine*, in America, described "a party of old bucks who, under the pretence of looking at a picture, were keeping up a small stag party at the end of the room". Thus was a phrase coined that, by October 1993, was appearing in a *Daily Star* headline which ran: "Cat Eats Stag Night Boozer's Dangly Bit".

Thirty-one years after the coining of "stag night", W. Westall wrote, in a book called *Her Two Millions*, "it was a hen party to which his wife had gone", and in that utterance of 1887 the ladies were presented with their rival word.

But etymological rummaging will take us only so far, and we must look elsewhere if we are to dredge, from the silt of time, some relic of the hen party or fossil of the stag night. Pre-nuptial parties, to say nothing of their dire consequences, must have been enlivening the dinner tables and dancefloors of the world long before there were words to describe them.

The grandly titled *Marriage Rites, Customs and Ceremonies of the Nations of the Universe*, published in 1822 by Lady Augusta Hamilton, describes a tradition in 18th-century society which, though clearly the antecedent of today's parties, was rather different in tone. On the night before the wedding, the prospective husband's friends would pay a visit, not to the groom, but to the bride — their professed intention being to ensure she was safe. The bride's friends, who were waiting in anticipation of this visit, would pretend that she wasn't there, or disguise her as a man. A mock hunt would follow and she would be revealed to the guests. After this hilarious interlude "all would spend the evening merrily".

Desmond Morris, seldom alarmed by anyone's behaviour, admitted to being surprised at this. "I had always assumed that the hen night came after the stag party, as a sort of reaction," he says. "But it seems that in the beginning the bride was the centre of attention, and did all the partying, while the groom just went out for a quiet drink."

Before the arrival of the men, the women would have presented the bride with gifts and money — a tradition continued in modern America, where the "bridal shower" is a giving of gifts that takes place before the ceremony. "What seems to have happened," says Mr Morris, "is that the two things, present-giving and partying, have become separated. In the 18th and 19th centuries all the revelling took place before the ceremony. The actual day was reserved for the solemnities, after which the couple would go off and, well, couple. Now there are parties and presents on the day itself. The stag and hen nights are just a remnant of the old pre-nuptial tradition."

By 1952, when Amy Vanderbilt published her *Complete Book of Etiquette*, the two separate parties were already distinct, although she referred, with admirable politesse, to bachelors and maidens rather than "hens" and "stags". The bride's party was intended to be a surprise, which was always a source of great mirth to those in the know, and the groom would have his "final fling" at a bachelor dinner some distance from the ladies. She advised that "under no circumstances should this take place on the night before the wedding", reasoning that "there will be a certain fragility among the males on the morning after".

That fragility, according to Mr Morris, is the very object of today's stag-nights. "On the experience of my own party, when I ended up being violently sick and falling over dustbins, I would suggest that the modern stag night, held the night before, is an ordeal deliberately imposed on the groom as a punishment. He has been a member of a group of young males and suddenly goes into an exclusive relationship with a woman, which is seen as an act of betrayal. The stag night is a final act of vengeful aggression by the group, albeit a covert one, before the ties are symbolically severed."

A symbol of that severing, still manifest at bachelor-dinners in 1952, was the ritual snapping of the stems of champagne-glasses after the bride had been toasted. The Vanderbilt etiquette book recommends that glasses should, in fact, be replaced on the table rather than broken, unless one is in an establishment where cheap glasses can be provided for the snapping.

The Holly Bush pub in Warmley, Avon, was clearly not one of those establishments. Fifty-five people were arrested there in 1992 after stag night revellers smashed a number of glasses as well as a conservatory roof. Happily, the groom was not one of those arrested. He had gone home earlier in an ambulance after falling prey to what Mrs Vanderbilt might have called "a certain fragility".

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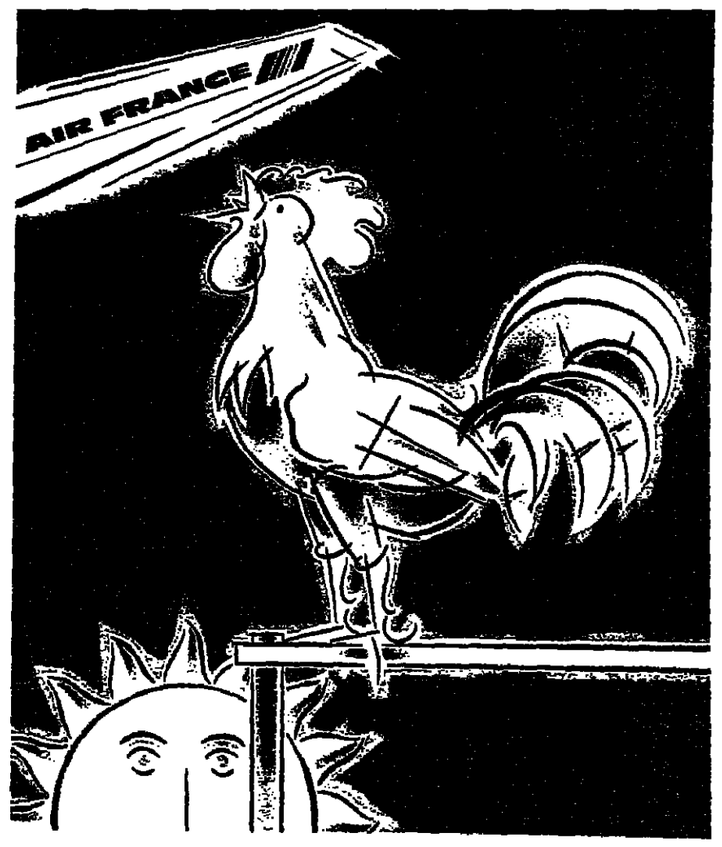
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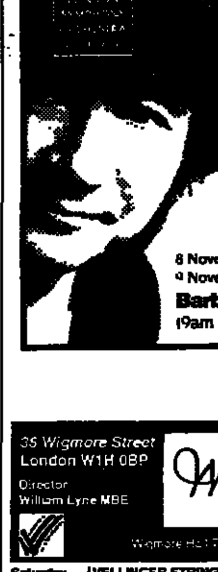
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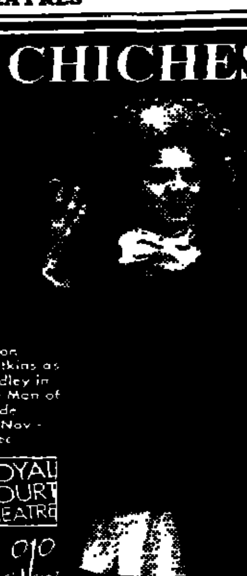
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Unstoppable march of the cardigan brigade



RICHARD MORRISON

What is the biggest success story in British culture? Well, this comes as a bit of a shock to wild, young, go-getting types such as myself, but here goes. It is Radio 2. Last week the cardigan network overtook brash, crass Radio 1 for the first time. It now has the biggest share of the radio-listening audience ever achieved by any network.

Here, clearly, is a victory for fans of *The Organist Entertains*. A triumph for *Big Band Special* buffs. A coup for *Friday Night is Music Night* groupies. And total humiliation for those who maintained that the sepulchral-voiced Alan Keith (of *Your Hundred Best Tunes*) is in fact an "I Speak Your Weight" machine that had been accidentally left at Broadcasting House in the late 1940s.

Radio 2's success is all the more remarkable given that its listeners apparently have an average age of 61. So there will always be a fair percentage of its audience that (to put it delicately) will not be tuning in at the same time next week. Or as Frances Line, Radio 2's controller, cheerfully admitted to *The Stage* this week: "Every year we lose about 200,000 listeners to Radio Grim Reaper." Er, Radio Grim Reaper? Is that one of Richard Branson's?

Does the high pensioner count worry her? Not a bit, it seems. Each year she woos new, younger listeners (we are talking early fifties here) and knows that they will stay loyal to Radio 2 until death them do part.

There is surely a lesson here for the arts world in general. In ten years half the population will be aged over 50. There will be a huge potential oldie audience out there with time and money on their hands. Yet cultural organisations are still so obsessed with attracting "yoof" that they twist themselves into all sorts of unnatural and demeaning postures. Every time I hear about a symphony orchestra playing "rock-style" concerts in strobe lighting, or a local library clearing out half its books to make way for a new pop-video section, I feel like phoning them and shouting "hang on, chaps, think about the 98 per cent of your regular punters who have never *heard* of the Manic Street Preachers."

Moreover, Radio 2 has shown that, if you are stealthy and gentle enough, you can lead even middle-brow middle England up some surprisingly arty paths. Where else, on radio or television, can you hear a two-hour arts magazine programme each Saturday and Sunday? If I had a new play to flog, I would willingly jettison a deep and meaningful discussion on BBC2's *The Late Show* for a warm, friendly chat on the *Radio 2 Arts Programme*. After all, people actually listen to the latter.

You can count on the fingers of one hand the number of women composers whose music is regularly performed in our concert halls. So the arrival of *The New Grove Dictionary of Women Composers*, containing no fewer than 875 entries — from the comparatively famous Dame Ethel Smyth to the magnificent Queen Lili'uokalani of Hawaii — comes as a glorious revelation.

Why don't we know more about these women? Is their music no good? Or, as the feminists would maintain, is it a case of women throughout history being denied training and performance opportunities, or having their musical impulse crushed by the mind-numbing reality of child-rearing?

This is a contentious issue. Diehard male-chauvinist musicologists argue that women and men have had the same opportunities at least since 1945, and yet the overwhelming bulk of "significant" composers continues to be men. Feminists assert that since men still control orchestras, publishing firms, opera houses and universities, it is "male" criteria that are used to judge whether a musician is "significant". Indeed, in their preface the *New Grove* editors admit that they have revised "many aspects of music criticism, including issues of artistic achievement, acknowledgement and even merit".

On a recent radio programme I was confronted by Priti Paintal, composer of the opera *Biko* and a tireless campaigner for women's music. She said that the history books made few references to women composers because they were all written by men. I said it wasn't that simple. A lively volley followed, which I lost handsomely.

So when I received the *New Grove* dictionary my first thought was to look up Ms Paintal's entry. Astonishingly, she is not listed, though many other living British composers are. I wonder why not? I hope an outbreak of factionalism has not blunted the advance of the woman composer's noble cause.

Tonight I shall watch one of the great surviving rites of pagan England: the Guy Fawkes bonfire in the village of Corpusty, Norfolk. Forget all the anti-Papist nonsense they go in for in Sussex. The roots of Norfolk's weird and chilling event surely lie much deeper in English culture.

First, a foppishly dressed Guy is lashed to a cart, and pulled through all the outlying hamlets, one by one, by masked men carrying flaming torches and beating drums, or blowing peculiar non-tunes through primitive, kazoo-like instruments. The procession, growing in numbers and noise, returns to Corpusty Green after visiting each hamlet. Finally, when hundreds of people have gathered, the Guy is bound to a stake at the top of a huge bonfire, as high as a double-decker bus.

The men in masks form a menacing semi-circle round the base of the wood-pile. Then, at a given signal, they rush forward with blood-curdling cries, and hurl their flaming torches into the wood. Within seconds the flames are consuming the poor straw dummy at the top, and the crowd — driven, perhaps, by some folk memory of witch hunts and burnings centuries ago — invariably raises a great, beery cheer.

The heat is colossal, and can singe the flesh at 50 paces. The village green takes about 11 months to recover. But since nothing actually happens on it until the following November 5, nobody much cares.

The best thing about the whole bizarre spectacle, however, is that it terrifies the children. They are docile and obedient for days afterwards. I wonder whether the answer to indiscipline in schools is to institute more public burnings?

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

CHARLES TETON



Profession: Film director

Age: 32

Calling card: *Deadly Summer*, a visually expressive first feature about two young Liverpool lovers, recklessly shot in Cinemascope and made for some £40,000. A one-man-band kind of movie: Tetón directed, produced, wrote the script, served as lighting cameraman and editor. Just opened at the Prince Charles cinema, London, where it stays for a minimum of one week and a maximum of three; then to other independent cinemas.

Film school background, I expect? No, no. Learnt on the job. Began as a camera assistant in advertising, and moved up to shoot mostly for fashion companies, spending three years in Milan and experimenting with what he calls "social realism". Tried to get into the film industry in Dublin. A closed shop. Then assisted Marcus Thompson making a black-and-white movie in Surrey called *Malevolence*, which was never released. More low-budget work followed, as assistant editor, sound recordist and lighting cameraman.

So how come this feature? "I wanted to tell this personal story about a failed relationship and lost innocence, and I had to jump in there and do it. I didn't approach the BFI for money. I went to the North West Arts Board for completion funds, but I really wanted to succeed or fail on my own. From idea to completion, it took four years, including one year of pre-production, 18 months of filming at weekends with an Arri 2C blimped camera, six months' editing, a case of suspected ulcers, a three-year driving ban, one location vehicle lost in the Mersey, and 16 stitches. An immense learning curve."

Any experience directing actors before? Not really. But since the main actors, Joeline Garner Joel and Steve Ako, had not any real acting experience, the playing field, you might say, was level. "I wanted people who would be receptive, and wouldn't make their characters theatrical."

Why Cinemascope, and why the lingering shots of skies and beaches? "Liverpool is seen a lot of the time in a negative light. But I think it's often beautiful, when the light is skimming off the sea, for instance."

Has Liverpool been grateful? "As everywhere, the reaction's been mixed. Having learnt so much making it, now I can't watch the film; there are so many things I want to change. Still, I think people should allow film-makers a margin of error on their first feature."

What about the second film? Something "quite heavy", currently being drafted under the working title *White Light*. Jesus returns to earth, an adopted orphan in Africa or the Middle East. He is black, but nobody mentions it. Goes about learning what the world's like and picking up disciples. Ends up in Washington DC, aghast at the flouting of his Father's laws. Still needs work.

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Chekhov with a Welsh accent

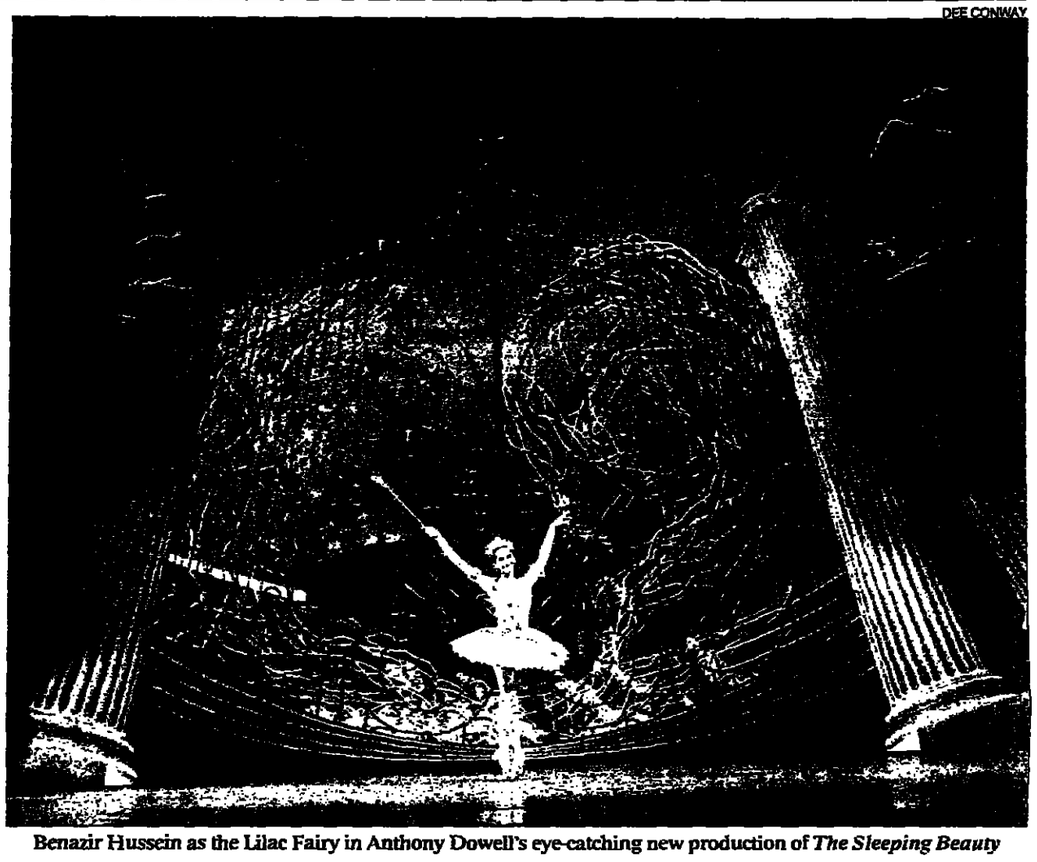
'His Uncle Vanya, here called Uncle Ieuan, is a tired wizard in whom dynamism has been replaced by grumpiness.
This is a massive but subtle performance, both physically and spiritually; and I hope it will be seen beyond north Wales . . .'

John Peter on Anthony Hopkins' stage triumph — in The Culture, The Sunday Times tomorrow

Surreal slant to a classic

DANCE: **Debra Craine** on the mixed fortunes of Covent Garden's new production of *Sleeping Beauty*

DEE CONWAY



Benazir Hussein as the Lilac Fairy in Anthony Dowell's eye-catching new production of *The Sleeping Beauty*

WITH choreography as classic as Petipa's and a score as popular as Tchaikovsky's, there isn't much a producer can do with *The Sleeping Beauty* other than hire a designer to change the look of it. Usually designers opt for a traditional fairy-tale approach: French, Baroque and very pretty. Not so Maria Bjornson. She has given *Beauty* a radical facelift that defies the accepted conventions of fairy-tale ballets.

For Anthony Dowell's new Royal Ballet production, Bjornson (of *Phantom of the Opera* fame) has created a grandly decadent world of soaring diagonal perspectives which define and dominate every scene. Right from the moment the curtain rises on the Prologue, it is clear that all is not well in the kingdom. The royal family may be celebrating the christening of a princess but the distortion of the surroundings suggests the joy is shortlived.

The palace interior has been set on its side, the grey and black domed ceiling so lopsided it effectively forms the backdrop. A dozen grey columns, topped by ornate capitals, crowd the stage, leaning — Pisa-like — at impossible angles. A banqueting table cuts across the high leaded windows, so raked no dinner plate would survive unbroken. The effect is massive: the bold surrealist planes pack a dramatic punch.

Yet it quickly becomes obvious that Bjornson's wonky perspective is unbalancing the action by drawing the eye up and away from the dancers. The prevailing coolness of the grey-blue colour scheme doesn't help matters; neither does the harsh front lighting which has the effect of flattening the action, blending the dancers into the set, and draining the courtly costumes of their colour.

Subsequent acts see an improvement. In Act I the moulded oval ceiling frames a pastoral lakeside vista; in Act II an icy winter scene. The Vision Scene is the evening's triumph: an elaborate tangle of undergrowth and cobweb is suddenly ripped away with Prince Florimund's kiss. Act III sees an unfortunate lapse into bad taste, with a tacky Louis XIV sunburst hideously highlighted in the oval.

While Bjornson is busy upending 100 years of *Beauty*, Dowell is busy trying to take the ballet back to its 19th-century Russian roots. As far as possible, the choreography is faithful to Petipa. The mime sequences have been clarified; the Garland Dance in Act I is now for men and women, using existing choreography by Kenneth MacMillan. And Dowell has restored the precious stones of the Act III pas de quatre (where the Florestan trio used to be) — a glittering touch which adds to the sense of occasion on Aurora's wedding day.

But this was Viviana Durante's ballet. From the minute she made her entrance in Act I, her steps quick with excitement on her twentieth birthday, Durante was in total control. The final balance in the Rose Adagio was so assured it brought spontaneous cheers from the black tie gala audience. Her reading of Aurora was inspired, and beautifully phrased. Slightly mischievous, charmingly spoilt — she is a princess, after all, and this is her party — and terribly pleased with herself to be dancing so well in front of all these important people.

Zoltan Solymosi has come a long way as a dancer since joining the Royal, and he has a certain flair. But he is clearly unhappy with classical mime and has yet to find a way into Florimund's character. As Carabosse, the offended fairy who ruins everyone's evening, Dowell gave one of his consummate cameos, elegant and scary at the same time. Barry Wordsworth conducted a spirited ROH Orchestra.

JAZZ: Buster Keaton's comedy dances to the tune of an American guitarist

In a silent way

Bill Frisell
QEH

GUITARIST Bill Frisell, initially commissioned by Brooklyn's Arts at St Ann's to accompany a showing of two Buster Keaton films, has now provided music for four Keaton classics, *The High Sign*, *One Week*, *Go West* and *Sherlock Jr*. All but the last were on show at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, with Frisell, bassist Kermit Driscoll and drummer Joey Baron playing the appropriate music.

Sensibly, Frisell has avoided the temptation to be over-specific, exploiting the freedom such work allows to create pieces that complement the films' overall moods.

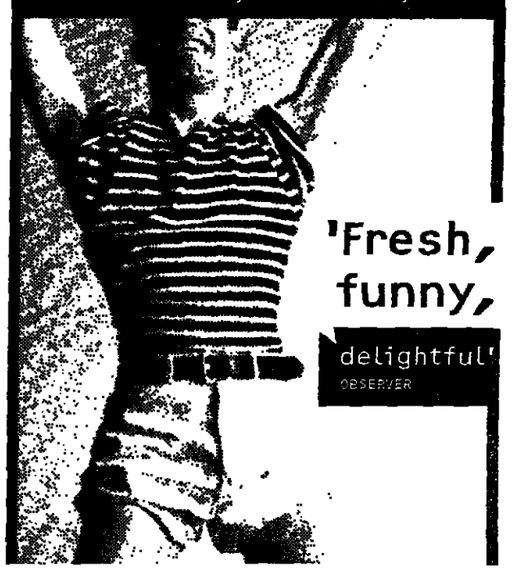
A keen advocate of all types of American music, from Souza to Dylan, Copland to Madonna, Frisell somehow manages to set an unmistakeably personal stamp on all he plays, his paint-squeezed-from-the-tube guitar sounds instantly recognisable, and this carefully assimilated eclecticism, coupled with his overriding interest in texture, provides him with the perfect raw material for his scores. Thus, his music, while imbued with an oddly wistful, imperturbable quality highly appropriate to Keaton's films, is able to draw on an apparently inexhaustible storehouse of styles to complement both the films' shifting sentiments and, more mundanely, their physical settings.

So, in *Go West*, for instance, while Baron was occasionally called upon to represent gunfire with rimshots or imitate a cookhouse summons with a triangle, Frisell generally eschewed the particular, concentrating instead on setting the mood for episodes. His interest in country music proved useful during the saddling-up scenes, his penchant for the blues handy in those involving trains, and his ability to produce all manner of electronic noises was indispensable for the occasional scene of slapstick chaos, but it was his subtlety which was most impressive.

After all, it is not every composer who can produce music to accompany convincingly a love affair between a man and a cow.

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WEST END ENTERTAINMENT

BROKEN GLASS Strong performances from Margot Leicester and Henry Goodman in Arthur Miller's latest. An American Jewish couple in the 1950s, wanting to ignore the Nazi menace. **National** (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2.15 and 7.30pm

DR KNOCK Geoffrey Beevers takes the title role in Jules Romains's celebrated comic satire on the medical profession and public gullibility. Sam Walters directs. **Orange Tree**, Clarence St, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. Until Nov 26

THE EDITING PROCESS Stephen Dalton directs Meredith Oakes's comedy about the fight for survival in an ailing publishing house taken over by a conglomerate. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until Dec 3

HAMLET Peter Hall directs Stephen Dillane, Greta Bellman, Michael Pennington, Alan Dobie, Donald Sinden and Gwen Taylor. **Gielgud**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm

MIRANDOLINA Goldoni's delectable hotel-keeper is feasted her male admirers again, played by Caroline Quentin and directed by Dulcie Gray's nephew Lyric, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Now previewing, 7.30pm. Opens Nov 9, 7pm

MOLLY SWEENEY Brian Friel directs his own play. Catherine Byrne, Mark Lambert and T P McKenna play blind woman, husband and surgeon in a superbly moving drama about the blindness of sight. **Almeida**, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm

MOSCOW STATIONS Tom Courtenay's one-man performance as an alcoholic lost on the Moscow Underground: you probably won't see finer, more touching acting this year. **Garrick**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm

ON APPROVAL Peter Hall gives us the Lonsdale play as it was and is, a sophisticated, unnerving but relatively sexless piece. Martin Jarvis is in brilliant form, with Anna Carteret, Louise Lombard and Simon Ward. **Playhouse**, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND** Splendidly executed production of the hit Broadway musical, transferred from Birmingham Rep. Showbiz and Caribbean folk-tale proves to be a successful marriage, terrific island sets. **Island** (formerly the Royalty), Portugal St, WC2 (071-494 5090). Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat, 6pm, 8.45pm, mat Wed, 3pm

☐ **OUT OF THE BLUE** A sung-through musical drama, composed by Shun Ishi-Tokura with libretto by Paul Sand. David Gilmore directs the love story set in Japan during the Second World War. **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Now previewing, 7.45pm, opens Nov 23, 7pm

☐ **A PASSIONATE WOMAN** Stephanie Cole as a woman re-assessing her dull marriage on the morning of her son's wedding. Ned Sherrin directs Kay Mellor's new play. With Neil Morrissey, James Gaddas and Alfred Lynch. **Comedy**, Panton Street, SW1 (071-369 1731). Now previewing, 8pm, opens Mon

☐ **THE QUEEN AND I** Sue Townsend's satiric romp follows the deposed royals as they struggle to survive on a council estate. Paula Wilcox plays a sensible and genial Queen; not as subversive as one might expect. Max Stafford-Clark directs. **Vaudeville**, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ **RACING DEMON** David Hare's compulsive drama of the Anglican Church returns, again. Richard Eyre directs, with Oliver Ford Davies. **National** (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today 2pm and 7.15pm, then Nov 17-22, 7.15pm, mats Nov 19 and 22, 2pm

☐ **ROMEO AND JULIET** Kann Baer's production from the Düsseldorf Schauspielhaus, athletic, colourful staging but with curious slants of interpretation. As part of *Everybody's Shakespeare*. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.30pm.

◪ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG** Greenwich Theatre's production of Wendy Wasserstein's too cosy tears 'n' laughter drama. Three sisters (Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Linda Bellingham) seek happiness. **Old Vic**, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **THREE TALL WOMEN** Maggie Smith, Frances de la Tour and Anastasia Hille play the women who haunted the childhood of Edward Albee. His Pulitzer Prizewinner, directed by Anthony Page. **Wyndham's**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-369 1736). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens Nov 15, 7pm.

☐ **TULIP FUTURES** John Constable, adaptor of *Germanghast*, tells the astonishing story of the Tulipmania that gripped 17th-century Holland. Abigail Morris directs her first play since opening *Kindertransport* in New York. **Costcutt**, Gaisforth St, NW8 (071-402 5081). Now previewing, 8pm, opens Nov 7, 7pm

☐ **WHAT A PERFORMANCE** David Suchet shows off well as he mugs and bounces as Sid Field in William Humble's stage biography of a comic genius. **Queen's**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Final performances today, 3pm and 7.45pm

LONG RUNNERS

◪ **Arcadia** Haymarket (071-930 8800) ☐ **Blood Brothers** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ◪ **Cats**, New London (071-405 0072) ☐ **Copacabana** Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) ☐ **Crazy for You**, Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner** Duchess (071-494 5070) ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe** Lyric (071-494 5045) ◪ **Grease** Dominion (071-416 6060) ☐ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) ☐ **Lady Windermere's Fan** Albery (071-867 1115) ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) ☐ **The Mousetrap** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ◪ **Neville's Island** Apollo (071-494 5070) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ☐ **She Loves Me**, Savoy (071-836 8888) ◪ **Starlight Express**, Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055) ☐ **Woman in Black** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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NEW ON VIDEO: Hugh Grant's greatest hit; a lavish package for a fair lady

■ **FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL**
Columbia TriStar, 15, 1994
YOU can now rent the film that made Hugh Grant a god, although the film's success depends just as much on the bumbling hero's entourage of friends, who criss-cross the country celebrating nuptials and mourning one death. Andie MacDowell, all smiles and sparkle, does not have much of a character to work with as the girl of Grant's dreams: but clever dialogue, nimble direction by Mike Newell, and Grant's forelock paper over most of the holes.

■ **MY FAIR LADY**
FoxVideo, U, 1964
FOX'S glittering musical, dressed to kill in Cecil Beaton fashions, with a superlative Rex Harrison performance. A boxed set offers a widescreen video copy of the newly restored print, plus the original trailer, a promotional film, television news coverage of the premiere, a second video containing interviews, and a diary book of Beaton's comments.

■ **THE BLUE KITE**
ICA Projects, PG, 1993
TIAN Zhuangzhuang's film about one family's travails in postwar China first impresses through its quiet beauty and the sense of atmosphere in the courtyard building, full of scampering children, brooms sweeping, life being lived. Then the story grips like a python as Mao's march of progress grinds parents, children, in-laws and girlfriends underfoot. A few misjudgments here and there: but this is still a film that can leave you close to tears.

■ **GEORGE FORMBY COLLECTION**
Lumiere, PG
FOUR Formby films in one boxed set will be more than some can bear, although they do represent the grinning comic with the ukelele at his best. *No Limit* (1935) features breezy fun at the TT races; *I See Ice* (1938) offers three classic songs and a valuable record of a lost social phenomenon, the ice show. Horse racing dominates *Come On, George* (1939), with bouncy Pat Kirkwood as the heroine, while in *It's in the Air* (1938) gormless George joins the Royal Air Force.

■ **LA GRANDE ILLUSION**
Art House, U, 1937
RENOIR'S great prison-camp drama, a seemingly effortless blend of tragi-comic moods, escape attempts, philosophical thoughts and ironic asides about the world's ways. Pierre Fresnay and Jean Gabin head the motley prisoners bound together by love of France, while hissable Erich von Stroheim is the Prussian camp commandant. Released to mark the centenary of Renoir's birth.

■ **MA SAISON PREFEREE**
Arrow, 15, 1993
WHEN a French movie features Catherine Deneuve and Daniel Auteuil, you expect to be dazzled with star power. Their acting is a pleasure to watch, though the characters in Andre Téchiné's drama about a splintered family forced together by an aged parent's decline do not invite much sympathy. A bleak, uncomfortable film.

■ **LA TERRA TREMA**
Connoisseur, U, 1948
VISCONTI'S later work may be marked by baroque visual finery, but he achieved his first postwar success with this mesmerising piece of neo-realism, shot entirely in a Sicilian fishing village with a local cast. An avowed Marxist, Visconti focuses on the villagers' struggle against poverty and exploitation, though the aesthete in him shows in the beautiful compositions and lyrical camera movements.

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Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell celebrate the marriage of video with their hit, *Four Weddings and a Funeral*

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

DARK SUMMER (12) Thwarted relationship of two Liverpool youngsters. No story, but interesting images. A promising debut from director Charles Teton. **Prince Charles** (071-437 8181)

KILL ME AGAIN (18) Revival of John Dahl's modestly enjoyable first film, with Joanna Whalley-Kilmer as the wily sexpot who hires an investigator to take her murder. **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Renoir** (071-837 3402)

LOVE IN THE STRANGEST WAY (15) A husband's infidelity brings dire consequences. Aloof French thriller that deserves a remake. With Thierry Lhermitte and Manuschka Detmers, directed by Christopher Frank. **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

MAKING UP (15) Pleasing lightweight German comedy about two women struggling to find Mr Right, made as a student by director Katja von Garnier. **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561)

◆ **MARY SHELLEY'S FRANKENSTEIN** (15) *See critics' choice, page 2*

CURRENT

THE ADVENTURES OF PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT (15) Two drag queens and a transsexual get stuck in the Australian outback. Joyful and vulgar romp with Terence Stamp and Hugo Weaving. **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

THE BROWNING VERSION (15) Solid, unspectacular version of Rattigan's play, with Albert Finney as the classics teacher facing retirement. With Greta Scacchi, Matthew Modine and Julian Sands. Director, Mike Figgis. **MGMs: Fulham Road** ◪ (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER** (12) Harrison Ford fights Government duplicity and Colombian drug cartels. The best Jack Ryan adventure so far. **Empire** (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** ◪ (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

◆ **THE CLIENT** (15) Mediocre version of John Grisham's thriller about a boy in jeopardy, with Susan Sarandon, Tommy Lee Jones and Brad Pentro. **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

L'ENFER (15) Jealousy rages in a provincial hotel. Uneven thriller from Claude Chabrol, with Emmanuele Beart and Francois Cluzet. **Chelsea** (071-351 3742) **Curzon Phoenix** (071-240 9661)

◆ **FORREST GUMP** (12) Endearing if indulgent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers. With Tom Hanks. Director, Robert Zemeckis. **Empire** ◪ (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker St** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL (15) Mike Newell's smart social comedy with Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell. **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914668) **Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** ◪ (0800 888997)

GERONIMO (12) Strangely dull account of the Apache warrior's capture from director Walter Hill. With Jason Patric, Gene Hackman, Robert Duvall and Wes Studi. **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279)

LADYBIRD LADYBIRD (16) Volatile mother versus social services. Emotionally devastating drama from Ken Loach, based on a true story, with a powerful performance by Crissy Rock. **Lumiere** (071-836 0691)

LANCELOT DU LAC (PG) Robert Bresson strips the Arthurian legend bare in a minimalist masterpiece from 1974. With Luc Simon and Laura Duke Condominas. **Minema** (071-235 4225)

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18) Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all. **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561)

◆ **THE LION KING** (U) African lion cub almost loses his father's throne. Much hyped but charmless Disney cartoon, not meant for tiny tots. **Barbican** ◪ (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen/Baker St** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE MASK** (PG) Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, filled with the antic spirit of 1940s cartoons. **MGMs: Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **PULP FICTION** (18) Quentin Tarantino's flamboyant crime epic weaves together three tales from the LA underworld. With John Travolta, Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson. **Gate** ◪ (071-727 4043) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Screen/Hill** ◪ (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

RAPA NUI (12) Exotic adventure filmed on Easter Island. Foolish but fun with Jason Scott Lee and Esai Morales. Director, Kevin Reynolds. **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

SIRENS (15) Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson. Directed by John Dugan. **Odeon Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233)

◆ **SPEED** (15) Enjoyable package of thrills, with Keanu Reeves as the SWAT team daredevil faced with a bomb on an LA bus. With Sandra Bullock and Dennis Hopper. **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

THREESOME (18) Shallow but smart college comedy with good quips and attractive performances (Lara Flynn Boyle, Stephen Baldwin). **MGMs: Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

TRUE LIES (15) Schwarzenegger saves the world from Middle East terrorists. But what about his marriage? Overblown fun with Jamie Lee Curtis. **Empire** (0800 888911) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN (15) Serious, well-focused drama about alcohol abuse, detoxification and after. With Meg Ryan and Andy Garcia. Director, Luis Mandoki. **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914668) **Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683)

WOLF (15) Jack Nicholson's beast within finally comes out. Amusing, intelligent werewolf movie, with Michelle Pfeiffer. Director, Mike Nichols. **Odeon Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683)

Ghost of television yet to come

Projecting moving images onto empty air is obviously impossible . . . or is it?

Television is by far the world's favourite home entertainment, and that very popularity makes it hard to change and develop. Pundits have their own ideas about how it is likely to evolve — flat screens; roll-up screens; even three-dimensional images of a sort. But they have generally agreed on one thing — we are not likely to see the kind of screenless floating image so familiar from *Star Wars* and other science-fiction films. After all, even schoolboys can demonstrate the impossibility of projecting an apparently solid image into empty space.

That gave me some food for thought at the "Live '94" show, as I watched a whole line of just such images quietly revolving — not ideally bright or clear, but very much there. Often the laws of physics are like the Maginot Line, utterly impassable — unless you slip around the back.

The elusive characters here are Central Research Laboratories (CRL), until recently the exclusive R & D organisation of Thorn EMI and leaders in liquid-crystal screen technology. But they have also developed a highly ingenious new image projection system that is likely to create its own range of applications — and may one day materialise in our living rooms.

I thought at first I must be looking at a theatrical illusion known as Pepper's Ghost. This was used to great effect in Sir Peter Hall's underrated 1983 Bayreuth *Ring* production, in which the singers playing the Rhinedaughters swam in real water, apparently vertically up and down the stage. Actually they were swimming from stage front to stage rear, and were reflected in a carefully angled mirror system.

FUTURE VISIONS

CRL's new system, though, goes several stages further. The source, an illuminated solid object or a screen image, is reflected via a device called a beam-splitter, which directs it off angled reflectors above and behind, projecting a real image from below. When you look into its path you see this image floating, as if in empty air. If you hold up a flat surface the image will form upon it.

In the demonstration, this visible path was fairly narrow, but I am told that CRL has worked out, in principle, the creation of a full 360-degree image. I find that hard to imagine, but then, so too is the whole concept.

At the moment, like most newborn babies, it looks rather crude. Its first application is likely to be the amusement arcade, because this offers the fastest return. As it develops, though, it is likely to find less gimmicky uses — in the fast-growing field of interactive media, for example, where "touch-screen" control systems have been bedevilled by problems ranging from physical wear to grubby fingermarks all over the glass. Framed in a surround, the Suspended Image System (SIS) image looks like any ordinary screen — yet you can put your finger right into it, and this can be detected by a non-material "touch" system CRL has developed. The effect, even from a two-dimensional screen, is strongly three-dimensional.

Other applications could include secure displays for expensive goods or museum pieces. Personally, I wonder about the theatre, looking forward to a new generation of Rhinemaidens swimming *around* the stage . . .

Of course, it is early days yet. The powerful impression SIS made on me was due more to its potential than its present form. I felt the same way when, as a schoolboy in the 1960s, I saw one of the first demonstrations of liquid crystals — the most sensible use anyone suggested was for self-darkening windows. It was hard to imagine then that they would turn up everywhere from wristwatches to television screens; and perhaps these ghostly images will one day follow them.

MICHAEL SCOTT ROHAN

Your chance to see one of this year's biggest West End hits, the surreal *900 Oneonta*, before it closes — and save £7.50 on your ticket

Last bite of strange fruits

THE TIMES THE THEATRE CLUB

LAST summer an initiative was launched to encourage the presentation of new plays on the West End stage. The first venture by the West End Producers Alliance, a loose consortium of major producers, has been a tremendous success — but is now coming to the end of its West End run. Set on a Louisiana plantation, *900 Oneonta* has been variously described as a mixture between *Dallas* on drugs and a send-up of the great southern American pre-war writers. This very black and somewhat surreal family saga by David Beaird began life at the Lyric Studio Theatre in April and then transferred to the Old Vic for a limited run. Success there led to another transfer, to the Ambassadors Theatre.

The show ends its run there next Saturday, but Theatre Club members have a final chance to see it — and save money. Top-price tickets are £10, a saving of £7.50 on normal prices for Monday to Thursday evening performances. Tel 071-836 6111 to book, quoting your membership number.

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

LONDON
Comedy Theatre
Nov 7-12
● BETTY is ready for her son's wedding day . . . so why is she up in the attic? There, reflecting on her past, Betty battles to regain the passions of her youth, when she had a handsome lover and a 24in waist. Stephanie Cole, winner of a British Comedy Award for her role in the television series *Waiting for God*, stars as Betty in Kay Mellor's *A Passionate Woman*, directed by Ned Sherrin. Theatre Club members can save £5 on top-price tickets, normally £20 (Mon-Thurs) and £22.50 (Fri). Tel 071-369 1731

The Cockpit
November 5-6, 9
● WHEN the tulip was introduced in The Netherlands in the 16th century, it quickly caught the fancy of Dutch society. Trading in the future delivery of tulip bulbs created the world's first futures market. *Tulip Futures* by John Constable examines how we put a price on works of creation, whether they be paintings or tulips, as Frans Hals and his pupil Judith Leyster — two artists whose works are on show at the National Gallery today — paint a marriage portrait in return for the delivery note against a single tulip bulb. Two tickets for the price of one (normal prices £8.50 and £9.50). Tel 071-402 5081

Tricycle Theatre
Nov 8
● SNARLING Beasties presents *Matilda Liar!*, a funny and grotesque moral fable by Debbie Isett about a compulsive liar. Matilda's family find life hard enough without having to put up with her constant lies, but that is as nothing when compared to the embarrassment caused to all around her when she changes to telling nothing but the truth. Club members can buy two tickets for the price of one (normally £7). Tel 071-328 1000





Weird and wonderful times with (left) Leland Crooke and Elli Garnett in *900 Oneonta* and Charlie Fox in *The Mosquito Coast* — see opening and Southampton listings

BRADFORD
Alhambra Theatre
Nov 22-26
● NIGEL Havers, Richard O'Callaghan and Neil Stacy star in the comedy thriller *Ricochet*, by Malcolm Taylor. An advertisement in *The Times* personal column brings a police inspector to the home of Lord Qualtrop for a lethal game of deception and double bluff. Club members can save £2.50 off normal prices for evening performances (normal prices £9.50 - £15.50). Tel 0274 752000

LIVERPOOL
Everyman
Nov 15-26
● KABOODLE Theatre Company returns to the Everyman after a highly successful tour of *A View From The Bridge* with a classic double bill — *Miss Julie*, by August Strindberg, and *The Caretaker*, by Harold Pinter. Theatre Club members can buy tickets for Monday to Thursday performances for £4 and £5 (normally £5 and £7). Tel 051-709 4776

SOUTHAMPTON
Nuffield Theatre
Nov 10-Dec 1
● AFTER his inspired production of *Gormenghast*, David Glass turns his attention to Paul Theroux's *The Mosquito Coast*, a spellbinding tale of a remarkable journey from the coast of Honduras into the threatening jungle interior. A spectacular production and a live score of salsa and primitive percussion music promises another evening of striking theatricality. Club members can save £2 on all Monday to Thursday performances (normally £7.95 and £9.95). Tel 0703 671771

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RECORDINGS: Shop early for a Christmas Mass; a Brahms sequel that lives up to its promise; Kurt Cobain's touching swansong

BAROQUE

Stephen Pettitt

■ **PRAETORIUS ET AL**
Lutheran Mass for Christmas Morning
Gabrieli Consort and Players/McCreesh
DG Archiv 439 250-2★★★
THIS Christmas spectacular combines scholarship with a convincing religious flavour. The result is hugely enjoyable. Paul McCreesh and his Gabrieli Consort and Players join local choirs — including a hearty congregational one — at Roskilde Cathedral in Denmark to re-create a Lutheran Christmas Mass as it might have been in about 1620.

Most of the music is by that master-communicator Michael Praetorius. The polychoral works come from his 1619 collection, *Polyhymnia caduceatrix*. They include a Gloria setting for six choirs, the introit "Puer natus in Bethlehem", the glorious Sanctus motet "Jesaja dem Propheten das geschah", the gentle communion motet "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern" and the resplendent recessional "In dulci jubilo" for five choirs, including one of six trumpets and drums.

The contrasts of small and large blocks of sound are wonderfully dramatic, and the pulpit hymn "Quem pastores laudavere", parts of which are sung from a distant gallery by four excellent boy trebles, has an irresistible magic about it.

Other composers represented include Scheidt, who provides a harmonisation of Luther's own tune for the Credo and a gently registered organ prelude, complete with bells, on "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern", and Schein, whose five-part Paduana is played sonorously by cornets and sackbuts.

The continuo section is large: no fewer than five organs are employed, including the cathedral's own 17th-century example. Tim Roberts's elaborations in the organ preludes add a final layer of lustre to an infectiously celebratory disc which deserves to sell well, and to be played loudly.

□ **VERACINI**
Five Ouvertures
Musica Antiqua Köln/Goebel
DG Archiv 439 937-2★★★
TIRED of Vivaldi? This disc will help. Francesco Maria Veracini seems to have been an even livelier character than the famous red-haired priest, a virtuoso violinist among virtuosos and by all accounts a bit of an eccentric. Obviously a born sub-editor, he rewrote Corelli's violin sonatas, intending to demonstrate how they could be improved upon. Like Johann David Heinichen, another composer recently rediscovered for the compact-disc market by Musica Antiqua Köln, he worked for the Prince Elector Friedrich August in Dresden. As these five Ouvertures (or Suites) prove, his musical turn of mind was bold and colourful; he thrived on the unexpected, so that there is often more C. P. E. Bach in his music than Vivaldi.

This recording of five of the six suites sounds immediate, and Musica Antiqua Köln plays with its usual steely aplomb and crisp articulation. Even though the players sometimes over-exaggerate their mannerisms, there is plenty to be mannered with: the characterful plodding of the first Ouverture's Sarabande, for example, the rustic Gavotte of No 2, or the bold octaves that constitute the entire final Menuett of No 6 (a deliberate parody of Vivaldi?). But there are higher aspirations too. The untitled third movement of No 4, for instance, is an eloquent piece, worthy of Handel at his best.



Paul McCreesh and the Gabrieli Consort and Players "combine scholarship with religious flavour" in Lutheran Mass for Christmas Morning

OPERA

John Higgins

■ **DONIZETTI**
Don Pasquale
Mei/Lopardo/Bruson/Allen/Munich Radio Orchestra/Abbado
RCA 61924 2 (2CDs)★★
THE tried and tested formula of casting *Don Pasquale* is to put two highly experienced baritones in the roles of Pasquale and Malatesta and keep the lovers young. RCA has stuck by it in its new recording and the results are most satisfactory.

Renato Bruson makes Pasquale, close on 70 and still unmarried if the libretto which Donizetti himself helped shape is to be believed, a highly Falstaffian figure. He is irascible and pompous, still proud of being a lecher, but in the end he forgives all those who have mocked and duped him. Donizetti's finale is perfunctory and *Don Pasquale* is a much harder-edged opera than Verdi's *Falstaff*. But with the right *buffo*, Pasquale can become a likeable buffer.

This is precisely what Bruson achieves as he charts Pasquale's course from a



Abbado: restrained

turkeycock, lustful with anticipation, to a financially and physically battered husband. The key moment in the opera, where Pasquale is slapped by "Sofronia", is beautifully handled, with Roberto Abbado making the orchestra utter little gasps of consolation. Even Sofronia knows she has gone too far.

At the start, Thomas Allen's Dr Malatesta sounds too much like Bruson. But the baritones gradually separate themselves until they come together again in a sparkling "Cheti, cheti", the greatest of Donizetti's patter duets.

Eva Mei, a new name to me on record, is Norina, alias Sofronia. She is a true coloratura with a touch of hardness in the voice which fits in well with Norina's character — comic-opera heroines do not come much steelier than Norina. Mei, like Bruson, puts plenty of life into the character as the demure young lady turns into termagant wife. Frank Lopardo, due at Covent Garden later this month in *Traviata*, is a most winning Ernesto, with quite enough weight of voice to avoid making him seem the wimp he often appears. The off-stage serenade is sung with proper limpidity, and the following duet is a delight.

The recording places its quartet of principals far forward, and Roberto Abbado could have given his expert Munich players more prominence. The performance is always elegant and restrained, with pauses eloquently held, but it lacks the glitter of Muti on EMI (★★★).

Remember too that EMI has a prewar *Pasquale* with Schipa, best of all Ernestos.

CHAMBER

Hilary Finch

■ **MOZART**
Sonatas
Argerich/Rabinovitch
Teldec 4509 91378-2★★
THESE constantly surprising performances of Mozart's Sonatas for four hands are enough to make anyone tear up the television listings and retrieve the dog-eared duet volumes from the piano-stool.

The playing of Martha Argerich and Alexandre Rabinovitch tingles with ideas and imagination, by turn fierce and frisky. There is a wonderfully sophisticated extended *pas de deux* of a second movement for the Sonata in D major (two pianos), and an open-eyed innocence in the *Andante in G for four hands*, before the playful explorations of its five subsequent variations. The Sonatas in C (K521) and D (K381) purr with the delight of shared responses, from the witty banter of an opening movement to the conspiratorial asides and hauntingly reflected images of a slow movement.

□ **TCHAIKOVSKY**
The Seasons/Six Pieces Op 21
Mikhail Pletnev
Virgin Classics 5 45042 2★★
NO fireworks here: November in St Petersburg meant troika drives: and, among much frisky equine fingerwork, the sleighbells ring out of the eleventh month of Tchaikovsky's set of piano *Seasons* in a sophisticated new recording by Mikhail Pletnev.

The 12 pieces were commissioned on a monthly basis to be given away — rather like a free CD — with a Petersburg magazine, and Tchaikovsky kept having to be reminded of



Pletnev: sophisticated

the deadline by his manservant. They must have tied many an unsuspecting reader's fingers into knots. But Pletnev turns over each calendar leaf with deceptive ease. White light glows between the hands as they share the rippling melody of "May Nights"; and after the powerfully rhythmic swinging of the scythe in July's "Song of the Reapers", Pletnev celebrates in a tipsy, tricksy August harvest-home.

The same typically urbane style is brought to the Six Pieces Op 21. Pletnev's knowing fingertips and brain tease and turn each little rhythmic variation into a passing show of prelude, secretive fugue, gawky impromptu, funeral march, mazurka and scherzo.

ORCHESTRAL

Barry Millington

■ **BRAHMS**
Piano Concerto No 2 in B Flat; 5 Five Songs, Op 105
Kovacevich/LPO/Sawallisch; Murray
EMI CDC 5 55218 2★★★
THIS recording of Brahms's Second Piano Concerto in B Flat major, from Stephen Kovacevich and Wolfgang Sawallisch, is the eagerly awaited sequel to their collaboration on the First Concerto. That disc, released in 1992, rapidly established itself as a classic, and this one (with an attractive coupling of five songs sung by Ann Murray) deserves to enjoy no less esteem.

The reading of the first movement is one of immense power (Kovacevich's fingerwork projected with glittering clarity) combined with expressive poetry: indeed what one notices above all is the skilful mediation between the warm glow of the pianist's (and composer's) self-communing and the fieriness of the passion. The orchestral introduction and cello solo (both superbly played) in the Andante are imbued with a sense of deep melancholy, and the sense of stillness, of suspended time, just before the cello returns at the end of the movement, with the piano musing in hushed tones over long, sustained chords, is unforgettable.

Unbearable as it is to drag oneself away from this poignant reverie, the finale is given with a fitting *joie de vivre*: phrasing is nicely pointed, yet the whole is suffused with lyrical warmth.

□ **LISZT**
A Faust Symphony
Berlin PO/Rattle
EMI CDC 5 55220 2★★★
LISZT'S *Faust Symphony*, one of the 19th-century's towering masterpieces, is no longer a stranger to the record catalogue. Last year Riccardo Chailly contributed a fine version with the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra on Decca, and already this year we have had accounts from Eliahu Inbal on Denon and Francesco D'Avalos on IMP Classics (the latter compromised by wayward orchestral playing from the Hungarian State Symphony Orchestra). Now comes the best of them all: a live performance made by Simon Rattle with the Berlin Philharmonic.

Astonishingly, Inbal takes a whole ten minutes longer (78 minutes) over this work than either Rattle or Chailly. Inbal generally is inclined to be ponderous, though it is not so much that Rattle speeds, for the chief thematic ideas are consistently faster, as that he is more flexible in between. In the first movement ("Faust"), he reflects the hero's quixotic character with febrile activity and subtle shifts of tempo. His portrait of Gretchen (second movement) is exquisitely intimate and that of Mephistopheles (third movement) ironically sinister.

If his Mystic Chorus is considerably faster than Inbal's, it is more faithful to its recitative-like rhythms, and it also enables his tenor soloist (Peter Seiffert) to encompass his opening phrases in single breaths.

Highly recommended.

JAZZ

Clive Davis

■ **JOHN PIZZARELLI**
New Standards
RCA/Novus 01241 63172★
I Like Jersey Best
Stash STCD-581★★
WORD has it that the young guitar player and vocalist John Pizzarelli, a nimble devotee of vintage swing-era songs, truly comes into his own on the bandstand rather than in the studio. Audiences will have an opportunity to judge for themselves from tomorrow, when he opens a short season at Pizza On The Park in Knightsbridge.

For some years now he has has been promoted as a photogenic crooner with the potential to tap into the youth audience that has abruptly discovered Tony Bennett and the art of song. I am not sure that *New Standards*, in spite of its seductive artwork, will do much to help his cause.

The idea is attractive enough: turning away from the tradirional evergreens and ballads, Pizzarelli heads off in pursuit of unfamiliar melodies, including a clutch of titles by Leiber and Stoller and a sprinkling of original compositions. Brook Arthur's mellow production values, cleverly pitched between light jazz and 1950s pop, encase his voice in lush velvet.

That voice, though, presents a problem. Pizzarelli (son of the respected guitarist Bucky Pizzarelli) is a deft instrumentalist, but his light, uninflected vocals do little more than scratch the surface of each number. If he were singing the best of Leiber and Stoller, the weaknesses might not be so apparent: material as pleasant but unremarkable as this needs all the help it can get.

Much more interesting is *I Like Jersey Best*, an effervescent compilation of early recordings made between 1980-86 in the company of Pizzarelli Senior and guest musicians such as clarinettist Eddie Daniels. We are on firmer ground here with "Route 66", Dave Frishberg's "I'm Hip" and an audacious "Sing! Sing! Sing!". Utterly relaxed, the players maintain the jam session atmosphere to the very last bar.

POP ALBUMS

David Sinclair

■ **THE BLACK CROWES**
Amorica
American 74321 23682★★★
IN AN extraordinary week for heavyweight rock releases, *Amorica* emerges ahead of the pack by a short head.

While there are many moments of melodic grace, the album is a decidedly noisy, riff-based experience and when the Black Crowes pile in to the pedalling groove of "Gone" or the exhilarating junk metal-funk of "P.25 London", a boneshaking ride is in store.

Irrepressibly in the right place at the right time, it is a phenomenal blast from start to finish.

□ **NIRVANA**
Unplugged in New York
Geffen GED 24727★★★
PERFORMED a year ago for the MTV series, Nirvana's *Unplugged in New York* is an affecting swansong. Comprising 14 songs, it reveals a gentler side of Kurt Cobain, and confirms his immense talent as both a writer and an interpreter of other people's songs.



Cobain: immense talent

Of the Nirvana numbers, it is a sad "All Apologies" and a ragged "Pennyroyal Tea" which make the most dramatic impact, not least because we know what happened six months after he sang them: "Everything is my fault/I'll take all the blame".

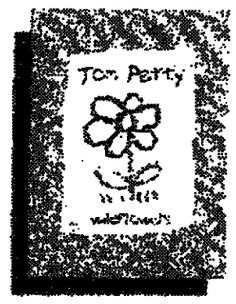
POP SINGLES

David Sinclair

■ **PORTISHEAD**
"Glory Box"
Go! Beat★★★
THIS is a strange, shimmering affair, which mixes a scratchy hip-hop rhythm track, descending bass line (*à la* Python Lee Jackson's "In A Broken Dream"), wailing blues guitar and the icily seductive vocals of Beth Gibbons into a highly addictive concoction.

The group, who come from Portishead near Bristol, specialise in such haunting, evocative pieces, which seem to have been designed to illustrate some grainy black and white movie, yet also sound utterly modern. When you have marvelled at the various mixes on this single, check the band's estimable debut album, *Dummy*, from where it was lifted.

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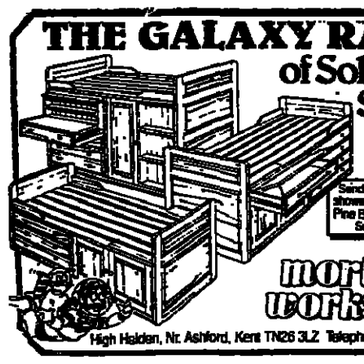
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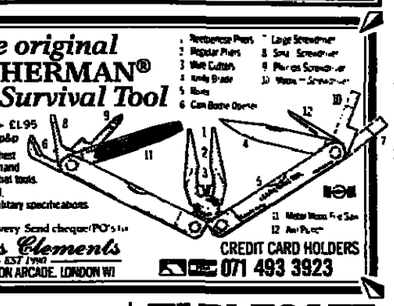
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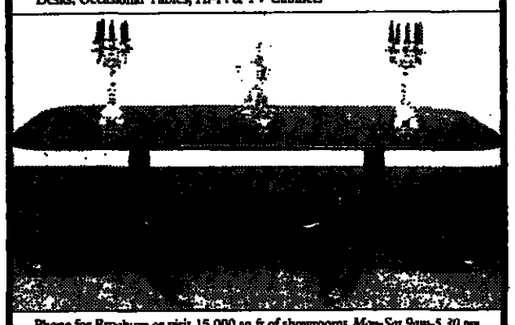
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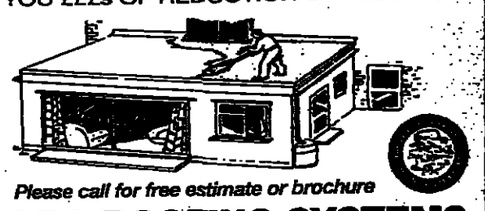
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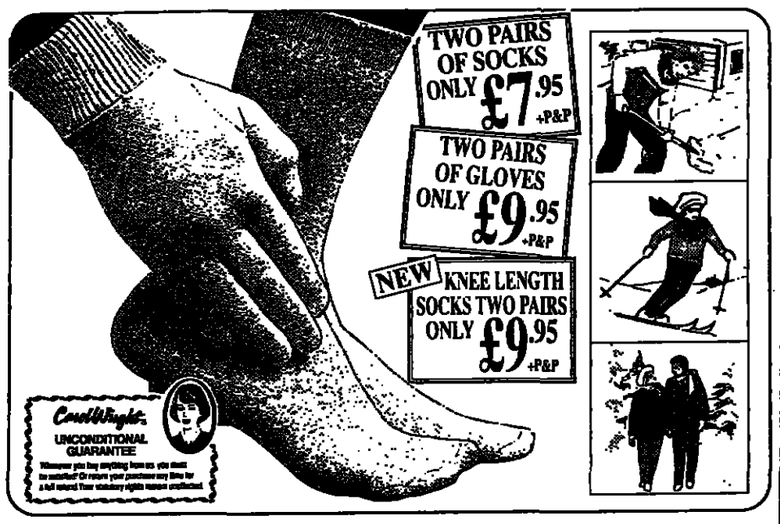
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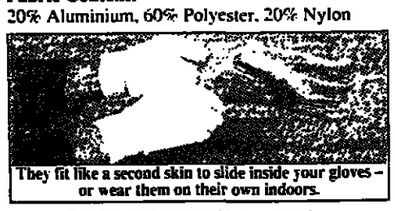
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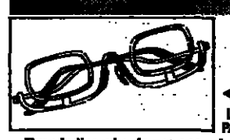
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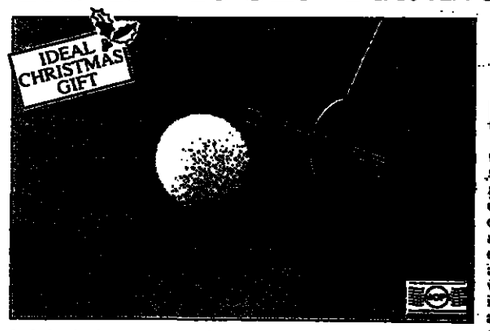
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WHAT Christmas present do you buy for the person who has everything? A good answer is to get something personalised, perhaps made to commission. But finding such a gift can be difficult, so I have tracked down artists, craftspeople and shops which may be able to provide something unusual you didn't know you were looking for.

My best find was Olivier Simond, a young jeweller who is just setting up. You can commission a piece to your own design — he is particularly good at necklaces with detachable elements — or choose from his existing range of moulded pieces.

For a feminine but not girlie look, choose his Rose bracelet: a row of delicate, finely crafted roses in silver with garnets (£250, or £550 for gold with rubies). For something witty and arresting, go for the silver Woman on a Wing ear-rings (£55) — the wings really swing and the detail is extraordinary. For a 1990s look, get an Ant necklace (£120 with centre garnet) and matching ear-rings (£40) of ants holding tiny, freshwater pearls.

Andrew Prince is another up-and-coming jewellery maker, with a sense of drama. His flagrantly fake heirlooms are glamorous, with a feel of the pre-Revolution Russian court. His pieces are hand-made using *faux* pearls, diamanté and shimmering crystal "gems", and will bring a touch of the Tatianas to your jewellery box at reasonable prices.

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For another sort of grand entrance, try the work of ceramicist Oriel Harwood, who is inspired by classical themes. Her Ram's Head lantern (£475) would bring sophistication to the most humble vestibule, and her Dryad console table (£7,000), with golden antlers below an imitation marble top, could grace the stateliest home. On a more modest level, try a Mustapha and a Cressida cup £49 each) — beautifully detailed biblical-looking heads in terracotta, (natural, white or matt black).

For friends of a more contemporary bent, look at the Cloud after-dinner coffee cup with silver (£69) — a silver veneer rather than a silver lining — or her Cloud fruit bowl (£475). Orders and commissions can be arranged through the David Gill Gallery in Fulham Road, London.

The work of the artist Jason Cleverley would certainly count as something different. Using found materials, he creates some of the most interesting sculptural compositions and wall-furniture around. How about an exquisitely carved and painted ibex with, say, a figure from the Sistine Chapel on its side (18in x 9in; £420) as a mantel shelf ornament? Or a small wall-cupboard made of reclaimed wood with "The Three Graces" painted on it and a carved dog standing vigil on its top (39in x 22in; £790)? Or a radio disguised as still life comprising an old orange-and-white Penguin novel (speaker); a carved Guinness bottle with a self-portrait reflection painted on it (radio); and a box of Capstan Navy Cut cigarettes (switch) (all life-size; £750).

Mr Cleverley also makes quirky automata (the arty executive toy for the man with everything), such as a Hermit Crab on wheels, which lurks in its shell on a piece of driftwood and whose claws move on wires as the wheels turn (25in x 14in; £600).

For anyone into nostalgia and post-war Americana, Retro Collection's radios and radio-cassettes combine 1990s performance with period appearance. When you switch on a Burlington — a reproduction of a 1930s radio with hand-polished briar elm veneer (approx 13in x 10in: prices from £119-£149) — you almost expect to hear the Abdication speech instead of *The Archers*. Get your kicks from a Rock 'n' Roll Wurlitzer radio-cassette, with cream lighting fascia strips, glittering chrome and a replica turntable window (12½in x 7in x 6½in; £119.95). To complete the period picture, there's the Retrovisor (15in x 15in x 15in; from £500), a state-of-the-art, art deco-inspired 9in-screen colour television set, with remote control.

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If you are buying for animal lovers, George's of Chelsea make to commission such things as a lifelike bronze of a pet by Carla Hasletine (from £2,000), a sketch (from £500), a watercolour showing your pet from various angles (from £2,000), or an oil (from £2,000) by Michele Pearson-Cooper. You can also commission a cheaper range of hand-painted decorative items produced from photographs, with prices from £30 for a key hook.

Joanna Wood in Pimlico Road, London, also offers a plethora of objects that can be personalised. I particularly liked the Silent Companion Umbrella Stand. The standard version comes painted as a bewigged and brocaded swain bearing a posy (38in high: £195), but you could have it painted to the design of your choice (price on application).

While in Pimlico, pop into Les Senteurs, which stocks, for example, a range of hand-carved atomisers made from Mexican woods (from £65).

Finally, a good present for a lawyer friend is Kate Dorward's Judge, which is a miniature clock, an ornament and a hat-pin. Made of silver-plated electro-formed copper, it features a deliciously censorious Gilbert and Sullivan-style judge, seemingly held at his bench (which contains a small working clock) by a ball and chain. He is clearly passing sentence on some quivering malefactor and shakes his finger emphatically when touched. At £3,000, it's a steal.

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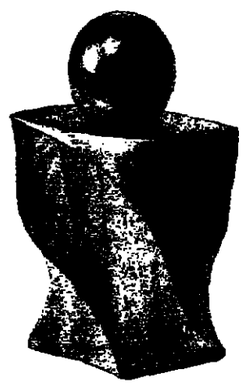
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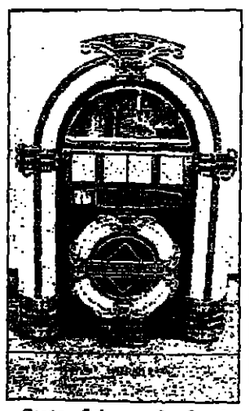
Right: carved ibex mantelshelf ornament with choice of painting on its side, £420, by Jason Cleverley. Left: Ram's Head lantern, £475, by Oriel Harwood. Below left: wooden atomisers — the Small Curvy (£75) and the Tall Curvy (£85) — from Les Senteurs



The Silent Companion umbrella stand, £195, from Joanna Wood







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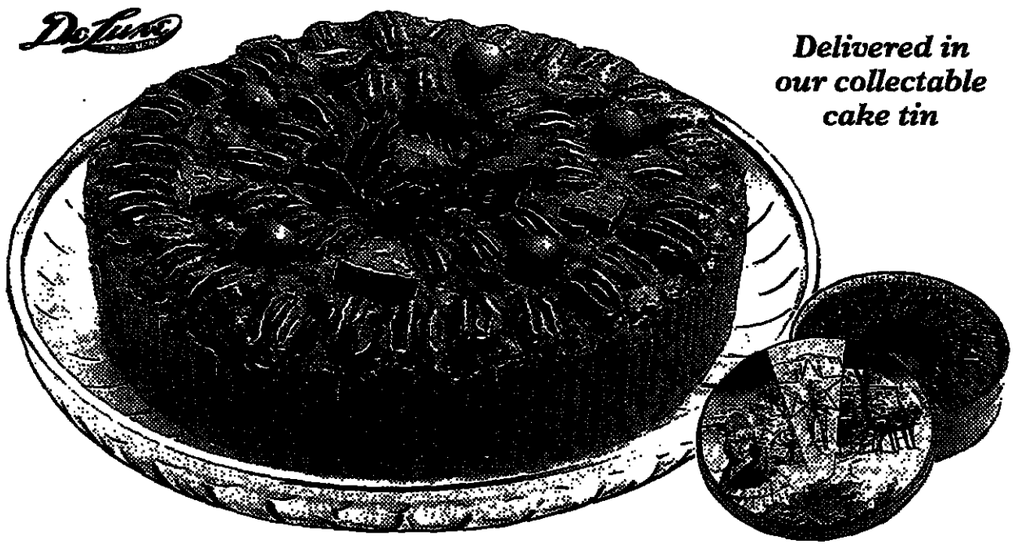
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Alessi's aim has always been to combine the needs of industry with the aesthetic demands of art, and walking into the Oggetti shop is like entering a design showroom.

The shop is long and thin, with black walls and glass cases. The objects are displayed in groups, like families. Glass sparkles, and bright plastics lend a jauntiness you might not associate with Alessi. Every design appears modern — but a familiar-looking pepper mill was designed by Battista Piazza in 1919. It is in orange and cream lacquered beech wood and costs £35.95. Another, in maple and cherry wood, by Ubaldo Piazza, costs £41.05, and was designed in 1946.

In fact, there are pepper mills galore — some architecturally inspired, such as the one that Michael Graves made for Twergi in beech wood at £111.75. Shaped like a Turkish minaret, it rises above the rest of the tableware. There is the mill by Andrea Branzi in pear wood at £86.85.

If your wrists are aching at the thought, there is always the salt and pepper set by Yvan Von Allman in apple wood: £25.85 for the pepper; £19.10 for the salt. The Twergi range is new to Britain, and its mills have the attraction of children's building blocks.

Still in wood mode, Ettore Sottsass has three corkscrews in coloured beech wood: a red and yellow screw-pull costing £40.45, a red, yellow and black screwpull at £37.30 and a red and yellow corkscrew at £15.10. They could be joined by the storage jars that range from £20.25 to £22.50. Sr Sottsass has turned his attention to the pepper mill too, with a model in coloured beech wood at £70.05.

While on the subject of grinding, the coffee mill is an essential ingredient in the Italians' gastronomic happiness. Two caught my eye; one in metal and alder wood, costing £54.65; another, like a dovecote with a weathervane, is made of brass and Douglas wood and costs £155.10.

For cooks, there is a good selection of interesting cheese graters. The pear wood cheese rolling grater, designed by Davide Piazza in 1912, is operated with a handle. Every precious crumb of cheese is captured in a drawer below. Despite being among the oldest designs in the shop, it looks at home in the most modern of kitchens. It costs £185.10.

With simplicity in mind, there is a cheese grater in pear wood costing £98.70, a rectangular box whose lid is devoted to whittling away your lump of Parmesan. Mixing function with humour, Juno Prey made his cherry-wood grater in a wedge shape, which costs £61.50. Fitting in with the expansion into new materials, there is the "Parmendie" by Alejandro Ruiz, a plastic scoop shape with a stainless-steel grating top (£23.70). It is irresistible to play with, as with so many of the new Alessi items.

Others in playful mood are the Mamo O kettle. Looking like a Viking's helmet in stainless steel, it has a polyamide handle and cap and whistles. It costs £128.10.

Having ground the coffee beans, the next step is to make the coffee. This could be approached seriously with the La Conica, £106.55, or Sapper, £89.60, or hilariously with the Neapolitan coffee maker in stainless steel with walnut handle. This design by Riccardo Dalisi started as tin cans, an inspiration still visible, and somehow became a puzzle which no one in the shop could explain to me. The top half sits upside down on the bottom half, and should leave one with a puddle of six and a half cups of coffee. This fun will cost you £162.35.

If you are having coffee in the evening you might like to crack a nut or two with the large nutcracker in apple wood resembling a clothes peg. Designed by Yvan Von Allman, it is £28.20. For tea drinkers who prefer lemon to milk, the cherry-wood lemon squeezer by Kuno Prey is £9.35. Another trooper from the 1960s is the lemon squeezer by Mazzeri and Vitale in stainless steel at £34.35.

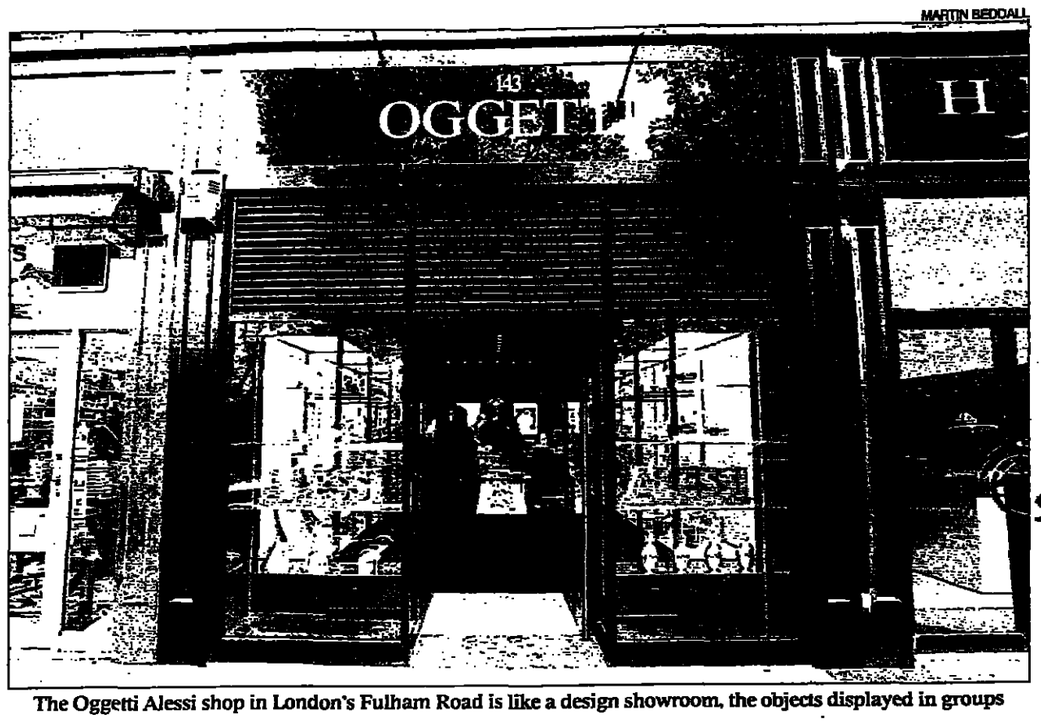
Those who cannot drink coffee without lighting a cigarette should have the stainless steel Spirale ashtray nearby: small, £35.30; large, £47.05.

All this and more is available by mail order from Oggetti, and the shop will post to anywhere in the world. So give your kitchen a Christmas present this year; you may even end up with one for the cook as well.

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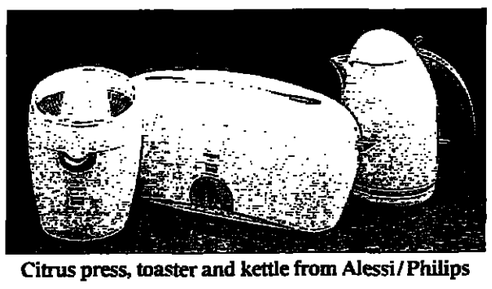


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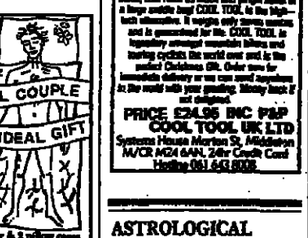
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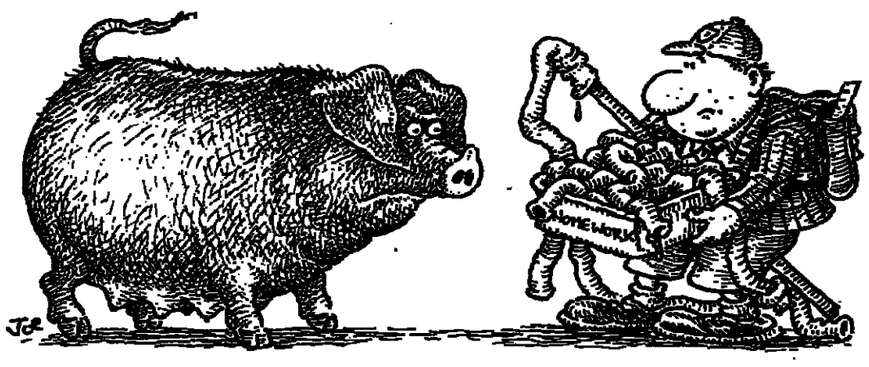
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Back to school for a dose of nostalgia



FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

It is a strange feeling to return to one's school, as I have been doing for the last few months. Not to the school that drilled me in Latin and mathematics, but the one that taught me far more useful knowledge, such as how to negotiate a tight turn with a cart-horse or slice the foliage from the top of a mangel-wurzel with one flick of a knife while, at the same time, lifting it from the field and flinging it into a cart. It is one thing to decline nouns and solve spherical triangles but if you cannot build haystacks perfectly shaped to repel the winter weather, or do not know how to swing a scythe without removing a limb, you will not get very far in life. Not in my sort of farming life, anyway.

Years before I ever thought of having a farm of my own, I was drawn to a holding on the Suffolk/Essex border. I had discovered that Suffolk Punches were still providing its only motive power. The couple who practised the old ways and the old values were not old-timers, sentimentalists or eccentrics; Roger and Cheryl Clark, both in their late thirties, had an instinctive understanding of the ways of cart-horses, were both farriers by trade and dedicated to keeping the cart-horse tradition alive. I asked if I could work with them for a year, to learn to plough and sow and reap and mow and record what I saw in a book. From the moment they said yes, life for me was never the same again.

I remember arriving at the farm on a cold January morning for my first day's work. It was long before the sun was up and they had already been at work for an hour feeding sheep, carting roots to cattle, mixing swill for pigs, brushing horses. It was busy, but quiet. No rattling diesel engine sounds masked the clump of the horses' iron hooves stamping impatiently for their morning feed, or the frenzied squealing of piglets who knew that others were eating and demanded to know why they had been left out.

In the still air, the thick smoke from the newly lit fire in the blacksmith's forge rose vertically; from the open kitchen window came the scent of home-cured bacon sizzling in the pan, and as I strolled down the line of tethered cart-horses munching hay and snorting gently, I knew that this place was special indeed.

I spent a year on that farm, writing my book, *Pulling Punches* (which is now reprinted in paperback), and soon learnt that, despite all appearances, there is little romance in traditional farming. I remember cold days with reluctant horses and an equally stubborn old chap called Gerry, who lived his life with a threatening dew-drop on the end of his nose and took every opportunity to slyly gain an advantage over a "boy" like me. Whenever something heavy was to be shifted, somehow he always got the lighter end; when there was a choice of horses for a job, he always ended up with the most willing; if there was muck to be carted he did not have to fling it as high as I did.

But I also met better men like Claud, who, when asked his profession, admitted to being a "wart-charmer and cat castrator" and had mastery of the vital technique of threading a pig's intestine onto a stick and flicking it in such a way that the entire length could be turned inside out and used for sausage skins. I struggled too, in that year, cutting my first wandering furrows and being chased halfway up a tree by a vicious flock of geese, to everyone's amusement.

This last few months, I have been back to that farm to take part in a video showing how the land is ploughed, the corn drilled, the hay made, and the harvest taken with horses. But during the interminable breaks between filming, I find that, like the boy who cannot resist another sight of his old classrooms, I have wandered through the stables where lived some fondly remembered old cart-horses: Rupert, Prince, and Courtier, all now dead and replaced by horses who view me as a stranger. I found the cat, too, of which I became very fond; it is said to have been on the farm for 16 years but has been so low in the animal pecking order that it has never been given a name.

I would give you only one warning, should you decide to read my book and look at the video pictures. This experience has proved its power, on me and my life and my family. No sooner had I left the Clarks after my apprenticeship than I had two cart-horses of my own and started a frantic search for a farm. You know everything that has happened since. Be careful it does not happen to you. Perhaps it should carry a health warning.

Bonfire night may be more organised and safer than ever but it is losing its sparkle

SIMON TOWNSLEY



Concerns over burning effigies and injury risks to children have prompted a move away from the traditional fireworks party in the back garden

Bang or whimper?

Tonight, weather permitting, the mingled smell of rotting leaves and sulphurous smoke will once again drift on the damp air through the gardens and open spaces of Britain. So powerful was the smoggy mixture on November 5, 1988 that it closed down Heathrow, Gatwick, and several other airports. But the haunting smells of the traditional Guy Fawkes Night are threatened with dispersal by many enemies these days.

Of course, Guy Fawkes Night lost its original point long ago — which was to celebrate the narrow escape of the King and Parliament from being blown up in 1605, and, by the burning of Fawkes's effigy, to show any Catholic supporters of him and his fellow-plotters that they could expect no mercy. (Though actually Fawkes was tortured and hanged, not burned.)

Ever since the Plot there has been a history of November 5 bonfires, and of "Guys" being wheeled around the streets accompanied by appeals for money. In *The Return of the Native*, Thomas Hardy gives a splendid description of Bonfire Night on the Dorset heaths in the early 19th century. But the classic Bonfire Night party for children, with its fireworks and home-made Guy and blaze, began in the 1860s. Until then, the manufacture of gunpowder had been reserved to the Government, and firework displays were the prerogative of kings.

Once fireworks could be made and sold commercially, Victorian families were quick to see their opportunity. Fireworks in the garden became the most popular way of celebrating November 5, and so it remained right up to the 1960s.

But since then the Modern Sensibility has struck hard at it. To begin with, the very idea of burning a human effigy has upset many people. In Lewes, East Sussex, where they remember the 17 Protestant Martyrs executed at the stake by Bloody Mary, they still burn Guy Fawkes, and the Pope too, with vigour and enthusiasm. There are five bonfire societies, parades through the streets, and the whole town turns out. Other candidates for burning are put up from time to time. In 1985 the police were called out on a report that Arthur Scargill's body had been discovered in a shed, but they found it was a Guy waiting for November 5. In 1992, *The Sun* newspaper organised a Guy Fawkes Night burning of Jacques Delors, as the supposed new foe of the British Parliament.

> "Effigy burning has upset many people"

Another enemy of the garden bonfire has been the growing fear of children being hurt. "Bombfire night". I have heard it called by one disapproving parent. So in 1976 a Fireworks Code was brought in. Flying fireworks, such as helicopters and flying saucers, and jumping crackers were phased out, and the number of bangers produced was sharply cut. Children under 16 were not allowed to buy fireworks, and the sale of them was restricted to the three weeks before the day.

But many people still consider them dangerous, and more and more parents now prefer to take their children to a large, locally organised firework display. Moreover, the proper day is often abandoned, with the show taking place on the Saturday before or after. "Firework operatives" set off the rockets, and the crowd stands well back. The National Campaign for Firework Reform would like there to be no sales of fireworks at all except for these events.

The children themselves do not always like these displays — especially when, as sometimes happens, they are really directed at adults. One firework night at Maidstone in 1991 began with a large-screen video of naked couples canoodling.

The giant bonfire itself can also be rather dull — just the local authority rubbish heap, with a few pine branches flung on top, and no sign of a Guy.

Many children have transferred their allegiance to a new rival — Hallowe'en. Toy shops have eagerly co-operated in making that a more exciting and scary night, with monster masks, and witch and ghost costumes.

Nevertheless, the rout of Guy Fawkes is far from complete. One hundred million fireworks have been sold this year, and there are still numerous children looking forward to a party in the garden tonight. If you are having fireworks, don't make light of the safety aspect. If the smaller children want to hold a sparkler, make sure they hold it well away from them. Do not peer nervously at fireworks that have been lit and not gone off. Above all, do not pour inflammable liquid onto a fire — the fire will run back up the stream of liquid.

Otherwise, good burning! — and if you have a few rockets left over, enjoy the languid pleasure of firing them into the sky tomorrow morning.

DERWENT MAY

Ducks fly in for winter

Millions of ducks and geese have been heading south and west through Europe in the last few weeks, many of them destined for Britain. They fly high, at night, and are more often heard than seen, as they call to each other. But in the morning, there they are, drifting on a lake or on the ebbing waters of an estuary.

Among the most spectacular are the wigeon, which come from Scandinavia or even as far as Siberia. In Britain, a few pairs nest around the Scottish lochs, but in winter there can be up to 40,000 of them on the Ouse Washes or on the mudflats at Lindisfarne.

They are noisy ducks, constantly whistling — a sudden, sharp whistle, that really rings out on a frosty morning. The drakes have chestnut heads with a buttery patch above the beak, and silvery body-plumage. Both sexes have white sterns, and when a large flock is all "up-ending" out on the water, they look like a flotilla of miniature sailing-boats.

They are opportunistic feeders, and when swans put their long necks under water and draw up weeds from the bottom, the wigeon will gather round and pick up other fragments loosened by the swans. They have even been seen pulling a blade of eel-grass from a swan's beak.

A still more beautiful duck with a strange way of feeding is the shoveler. It is a bird of inland lakes rather than estuaries, and the highest numbers are generally found in November, so this is a good moment to look for them.

The drakes have a green head, a shining white breast, orange flanks and a streak of white in front of the tail. They seem more like a national flag than a bird. They also have an extraordinary beak, from which they get their name — a long, rectangular spatula.

The shoveler lays its beak flat on the water, or just under it, and steams forward. Its tongue moves up and down, sucking the water in from the front, and pumping it out through the side of the beak, which is lined with tiny teeth. The teeth filter out and trap the tiny food particles in the water that the bird wants.

Two exotic ducks that have naturalised themselves here also turn up more widely on lakes and ponds in the winter, and are well worth looking out for — the mandarin and the ruddy duck.

The mandarin is an oriental bird and the drake might almost be mistaken for a geisha girl. He has a red beak, and flowing white feathers on the top of his orange head; on his wings he has big orange sleeves. The female has silvery, marbled plumage. They like swimming in the shadows under overhanging rhododendron bushes, and in the autumn they feed on the woodland floor, looking for acorns and chestnuts. Their headquarters in Britain is Windsor Great Park, where they find just the conditions they like round Virginia Water lake.

Feather Report



November is a good time to spot shovelers

The ruddy duck is an American bird with a bright blue beak, a white face and a cocked tail. It has been in trouble in Spain recently for interbreeding with the native white-headed duck there, and threatening the purity of the species. Here, you are most likely to find it in the Midlands.

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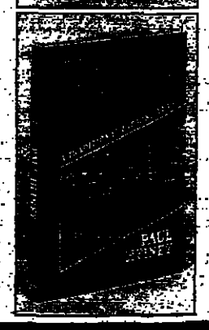
Paul Heiney learnt about heavy horses when he was making the television series *In at the Deep End*. His love of the animals led him to spend a day each week for a year on a Suffolk farm powered almost entirely by horses.

His book, *Pulling Punches*, is the story of his year as apprentice horseman – harrowing, sowing, reaping and helping at horse shows.

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The market for smoking paraphernalia, from pipe racks to match covers, is booming

No smoke without desire

ALAN WELLER



Richard Ball of the Lighter Club of Great Britain with a watch-lighter, and (on table) lighters disguised as a minaret, table ornament and junior bar

While smokers are pressurised into indulging their habit quietly in private places, collectors are vying for smoking paraphenalia in an increasingly competitive market.

"Interest in all the lovely old things is growing," says Dunhill archivist Howard Smith. "We have been actively buying back our own heritage for many years now — largely by way of an advertisement campaign in *The Times* — but we are facing increasing competition at the auctions. Prices are rising all the time."

Many other famous names are collected too — Dupont, Ronson, Davidoff, Petersen and Zippo.

Although most collectors tend to specialise, the potential for a comprehensive collection is huge: tobacco jars, pipes, match covers, cigarette cases and boxes, smokers' knives, cigarette holders, snuff boxes and bottles, pipe racks, cigar humidors and — most popular of all — lighters; old tobacco advertising and original packaging is also sought after, but this tends to be a field all on its own. Dunhill is popular with collectors because it is British, and the quality of every piece is assured, but also because the company, throughout its 100-year history, has produced elegant, unusual and, sometimes, quirky and kitsch objects relating to every single one of these aspects of "nicotiana", as it is called.

The market for second-hand pipes is surprisingly active. "Americans, particularly, are very keen," says Mr Smith, "though they are careful to call them 'estate' pipes, as in 'bequeathed'; the words 'second-hand' do not arise." Dunhill, in common with most great names of the past (Barling, Orlik, Astley's), made most of its pipes in a number of standard shapes: Billiard, Bulldog, Bent and so on, but it is the stranger examples that can fetch anything between £100 and many thousands, if the piece is unique.

Mr Smith has examples of folding pipes, pipes fitted with storm flaps and pipes designed to be gripped by dentures — and although most are made in Ireland from French Briar root (the classic combination) they also come in Meerschaum (a light, absorbent stone from Turkey) or even Lapis Lazuli, in the form of a Hookah: you sit the raw lump of semi-precious stone on a surface, and suck in the fragrant fumes via a silk-covered tube that can be as long as you like (inhale in the dining room, exhale in the hall).

Such wondrous items from the 1930s fetch around £1,500, and similar prices apply to late 19th-century Delft tobacco jars and the nine-carat gold Dunhill "bevelled" lighters of the 1920s. "They are worth looking out for at auction," says Mr Smith, "as some examples have a concealed watch that is often missed — these fetch about £3,000". With the exception of a few oddities in the 1960s and 1970s (for example, a lighter contained in a yard-long, silver-plated ruler), the novelties tended to dwindle after the war. Before that, lighters that resembled flintlock pistols were available (now about £150), along with ladies' cigarette cases incorporating powder puffs and lipsticks and one of the strangest lighters of all, in the shape of a hunting horn (1930s, now about £800). "This had to be modified soon after its launch," says Mr Smith. "One was knocked off a table in a stately home, and burned the whole place down: this is when we brought in the safety catch."

Mr Smith recently paid twice the estimate of £1,000 for a Dunhill pipe rack in the form of an artist's palette, complete with brushes and squeezed out paint tubes. He also has a 1950s nine-carat gold cigar compendium containing a cutter, file, knife, pencil, toothpick, swizzlestick and Yale key, ready to be cut.

Although we talk of smoking "antiques", this need not mean old: in 1987, Dunhill released a limited edition, silver-mounted pipe in "calabash" style to commemorate the centenary of the first Sherlock Holmes book, *A Study in Scarlet*: packaged in a sumptuous red leather "book", it cost £200, though today £1,500 would be nearer the price. The recently launched cigar humidors, in the styles of great British architects, designed by Viscount Linley and marketed by Dunhill, may similarly become the antiques of the future: £9,500 each — but the cigars come free.

JOSEPH CONNOLLY

Lighters kindle fires of passion in collectors

"I WHITTLED down my collection of lighters to about 1,000 when we moved to a smaller house," admits self-confessed addict and cigarette smoker, Richard Ball. "I had maybe three times that many before, but because I keep trading up to the very best quality, I now have only 500 or 600. I want the whole collection to be in solid gold. I have about 60 of those so far," he says.

Although lighters have, to a large extent, taken over 52-year-old Mr Ball's life and income — he has been a full-time collector for 20 years, and in 1990 set up the Lighter Club of Great Britain, with its attendant newsletter, *Blaze* — the good news for the amateur is that, although lighters in their millions of guises from all parts of the world form the most popular field of smoking collectibles, it can also be one of the cheapest and most accessible.

"A vast number of collectors go for Zippos," says Mr Ball, "which, of course, were very cheap and plentiful in the first place. They like commemoratives — the basic Zippo hasn't changed much, but events such as D-Day produced special crests and packaging." Almost uniquely in the world of collecting, however, old packaging accounts for almost nothing. "Maybe, if it's a sumptuous Dunhill or Cartier box, but it is never more than 2 per cent of the price."

Zippos can be bought for anything from £5 upwards, but even 1950s Dunhill "Unique" lighters — with all the workings exposed on the top — are only £50 to £100. "Obviously," says Mr Ball, "when you get into solid gold and jewelled designs, the price rockets — but often the same lighter in gold plate is available for far less."

Mr Ball's collection embraces about 300 different manufacturers, and he particularly likes lighters that don't look the part: guns, tankards, books, golf balls; Dunhill once made one in the form of Aladdin's lamp.

According to Mr Ball, petrol lighters are the "real thing", and "real" collectors give gas a wide berth; this means that there is a huge potential for those with more slender means, less purist attitudes, and a liking for lighters which do not smell and leak. Dunhill Rollagas lighters of the 1960s and 1970s turn up at £50 and less, and many Ronsons can be had for a song. "Take the Ronson Crown," says Mr Ball. "A well-made table lighter of the 1950s, but they were turning out 8,000 *a day*, so it's worth only a few pounds now."

Where should the beginner be looking — and what for? "The big names, obviously — but anything that appeals. There are no specialist shops, but the Alexandra Palace Antiques Fair is a good source, and some stalls in the Portobello Road, London, have a good selection.

"BOOT sales are *very* worthwhile — auctions for the better stuff; country auctions, because they often haven't a clue. And, of course, the club's annual convention. As to condition, minor scratches are OK, but avoid dents and any screws missing: you can *never* replace missing screws."

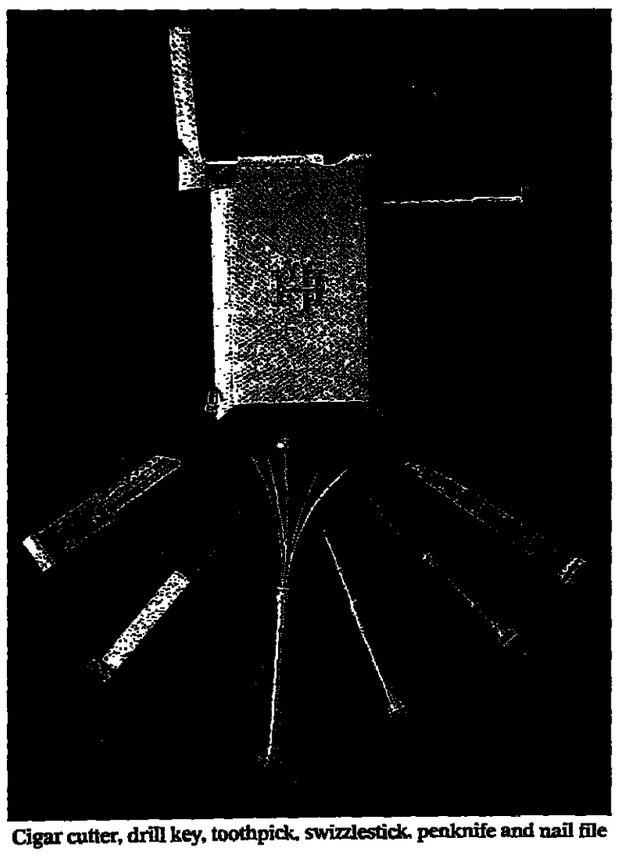
Mr Ball himself travels more widely. "I have this year been buying in Italy, Switzerland, the USA and Pontefract." But he has yet to find a lighter he has never seen before — except in an advertisement. "It is called the Etna — French, 1940s — and it looks like a small, rectangular box, with no visible mechanism at all. One day it will turn up."

Meanwhile, he contents himself with rotating his collection of 600 lighters, so that he can flourish a new treasure every day. Does he also have rare and beautiful cigarette cases, brimming with handmade Turkish ovals? "No," he replies, emphatically. "I'm a snob in one area only."

J. C.

● *Richard Ball's Lighter Club of Great Britain is on 081-665 9578, fax 081-665 9579.*

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☐ Lewis Carroll is almost as famous for taking risqué photographs of pre-pubescent girls as he is for writing *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Now **Phillips** has unearthed a new set — of Ella Monier-Williams, comely daughter of an Oxford professor. Thursday, £800 to £2,500.

☐ **Sotheby's**, on Friday, sells a remarkable library of medical books. The collection contains all the medical classics from the 15th to the 20th centuries, complete with gruesome illustrations. One example is Vesalius's *De Humani Corporis Fabrica*, widely considered the most important medical work of the 16th century (£7,000 to £9,000).

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

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Let's shelve the Booker

Literary prizes are just a stunt for the sponsors, says **Giles Gordon**

The shortlist for the McVitie's 1994 Scottish Writer of the Year Award, the country's top literary prize, has recently been announced. It comprises five works of fiction, although most categories of books are eligible, including biographies.

One of the shortlisted authors, James Kelman, immediately withdrew from the lists. Rumour is rife, some speculation having it that the Booker Prize winner did not want to be defeated by Janice Galloway, Kathleen Jamie, Candia McWilliam or Robin Jenkins.

More charitable folk insist that the Glaswegian novelist withdrew to allow somebody previously less honoured to win.

I had assumed that Scotland — cultured Edinburgh, at least — would be crowing about Kelman, the first Scot to land the Booker. He has, after all, been regarded as the country's major writer for years. Not so; certain literary figures and serious readers north of the border, and not only in Edinburgh, are incandescent with ire that, as they see it, the great espouser of the F-word was garlanded at Guildhall, whether or not he was wearing a tuxedo.

> Today, the novel is robust and healthy

A brief letter to *The Scotsman* says it all: "Stuart Palmer gives good reasons for using the F-word, but surely his concluding sentence, 'For my part, I'm glad a f***** Scotsman won the Booker Prize', should have read: 'For my part, I'm glad a Scotsman won the f***** Booker Prize'."

I wonder if the time has come for Booker McConnell to call it a day with its prize. Unarguably, the Booker has, down the years, been "good" for the promulgation of new fiction, even if in most years the "wrong" book has won because the result is almost always cobbled together at the last minute.

Martyn Goff, the presiding backroom genius of the Booker, has knowingly stirred the pot each year by appointing judges whose taste is unlikely to coincide with that of the other judges. Thus, with annual hindsight, the arbiters of fiction seem to be of bemusing inadequacy. Nobody, in fact, could perform dazzlingly in such a foolish job as the great and, sometimes, the good of letters discover each year — after they are drafted.

The problem now is that, because of the razzmatazz, people assume the Booker means something in terms of literature. There are said to be thousands of individuals who buy one novel a year and that is the Booker winner. When the prize was first awarded in 1969, the British novel was in the doldrums. Today, it is a robust and healthy animal with many heads, although you might not realise that from recent Booker shortlists.

Thirty years ago it meant something to win the then major literary prizes, the Somerset Maugham, the James Tait Black, the Hawthornden, the John Llewellyn Rhys. Little cash went with them but much kudos. Writers' careers were set up for life. Now it is companies such as Booker, McVitie, NCR and Whitbread — whose awards are announced on November 14 — which glean the publicity.

NCR, which recently became part of AT&T, is soliciting entries for next year's non-fiction prize, without yet having appointed a single judge. This shows the dangers of commerce attempting to embrace scholarship and literature, even of the cynicism of the whole business. Publishers invited to submit books for a particular award must know who the judges are, and thus something of their taste, as otherwise how should they know what to enter? Books are not either "good" or "bad" in a vacuum.

Any judge's taste and assessment is, inevitably, subjective. In previous years the NCR judges have chosen worthy books; but worthy books tend not to notch up much publicity. If the NCR Award is, as is rumoured, going to plunge downmarket, no doubt AT&T will find its name in the papers more than hitherto. Will anybody care?

Just mad about the Bard

■ THE SHAKESPEARE REVUE
Compiled by Christopher Luscombe and Malcom McKee
Nick Hern Books, £7.99

The humour in Shakespeare's plays is seldom as funny as the anecdotes that surround them, **Barry Took** discovers

THERE are two sorts of Shakespearean humour: the kind which appears in the plays and is generally about as funny as a resignation statement by a Tory Cabinet minister, and the humour that has grown up among watchers of Shakespeare and players professionally involved in making the Bard accessible to the ticket-buying public.

In *The Shakespeare Revue*, Christopher Luscombe and Malcolm McKee have compiled a staggering collection of anecdotes, parodies, songs, poems and tittle-tattle which ranges from Schubert to Stephen Sondheim, and from Richmal Crompton's *Just William* to Ronald Harwood's *The Dresser*.

It was originally designed as a stage entertainment (it was given its world premiere last Sunday at the Barbican's Pit), but reading these well chosen fragments is a joy which is as surprising as it is welcome. Let's be honest about it, when did you last read an anthology that you really relished? This one is absolute bliss.

Adrian Noble, artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company, writes a literate foreword in which, among many wise statements, he tells us that he regards comedy as "a deeply serious art", a claim that is blown away by the cheery, iconoclastic array which follows.

There's Victoria Wood's "Giving Notes", a wonderfuly daft evocation of an amateur theatrical company rehearsing *Hamlet* (see below), with the epic line, "We're running at six hours 20 now, and if we're going to put those soliloquies back in . . .".

There is an extract from Michael Green's *Art of Coarse Acting* (a shy at those bafflingly unfunny Shakespearean clowns), J. B. Priestley being starry-eyed in Stratford, and moments of Cole Porter, Caryl Brahms, Ned Sherrin and Alan Melville, whose sketch "Wherefore art thou Juliet?" I remember from the 1950s revue *For Amusement Only*.

About the only anecdote missing from this compendium is the one about the earnest young actor, in thrall to the Actors' Studio, asking a guarded old thespian during rehearsals for yet another tour of *Hamlet*, "Tell me, does Hamlet actually go to bed with Ophelia?". To which the old ham replies, "In the provinces, yes, but never in London".

In this compilation, as Susan Hill so aptly says in *Shakespeare Country*, "Shakespeare lives".

Giving notes

"RIGHT. Bit of hush please. Connie! Thank you. Now that was quite a good rehearsal: I was quite pleased. There were a few raised eyebrows when we let it slip the Piecrust Players were having a bash at Shakespeare. But I can't say this too often: it may be *Hamlet* but it's got to be fun, fun, fun! . . .

Where's my ghost of Hamlet's father? Oh yes, what went wrong tonight, Betty? He's on nights still, is he? OK. Well, it's not really on for you to play that particular part, Betty — you're already doing the Player Queen and the back legs of Hamlet's donkey. Well we don't know he didn't have one, do we? Why waste a good cossy? . . .

Polonius, try and show the age of the man in your voice and in your bearing, rather than waving the bus-pass. You'll find it easier when we get the walking frame. Is that coming, Connie? OK."

● *Edited extract from Victoria Wood's* Up to You, Porky *(1985)*

The pomp of Venice

A lofty but condescending view of the city of the doges

■ VENICE
By Jonathan Keates, illustrated by John Lawrence
Sinclair-Stevenson, £17.99

COME out of the airy sunlight of St Mark's Square in Venice and into the shadows of the Doge's Palace — where Casanova himself was once held prisoner. Cross the sinister Bridge of Sighs to visit the dank, depressing dungeons underneath, where even the most blasé tourist is bound to feel a surge of horrified pity for the tortured wretches who have left their names and dates carved in stone on the walls of their cells.

Not, however, Jonathan Keates, who writes in his walkers' guidebook to Venice: "The bridge, an elegant little confection by the Swiss-born architect Antonio di Bernardino Contino (1566-1600), probably did hear a sigh or two, though these were likely to come from hard-pressed palace bureaucrats, since only one political prisoner ever crossed it. The awfulness of the ducal prisons has been hugely exaggerated."

*Hang on: what about the non-*political prisoners? What about the torture chamber above? What about the Inquisition?

Keates is unmoved. The cells, he says, "were clean and well ventilated enough for the purpose of confining the petty criminals assigned to them".

Such lofty, mandarin dismissiveness is typical of his book, which describes most other visitors to Venice with contempt, as though Keates were not himself just another sort of tripper.

The book is learned, of course — about art and architecture, history, churches and antique treasures — and it points out the buildings where Marco Polo was born and buried, where Titian, Tintoretto and Byron's busty mistress lived and where Wagner died (in what is now a casino).

It reveals where you can find St Christopher's kneecap, the convent where naughty nuns entertained their lovers and the *palazzo* where a banker used to impress his guests by throwing their silver plates into the canal after dinner (although a net lay just beneath the surface).

But too often the book becomes a catalogue of names. It does not even have a map, and, despite its splendidly lively sketches by John Lawrence, it desperately needs a profusion of colour photographs linked to the text.

The author admits in an unhappy note that the book has not been published as originally planned. "It was initially designed to accompany a set of photographs of Venice in a series that the original publishers cut short while I was finishing the last chapter," he confesses.

Rotten luck, of course, but I'm afraid it shows.

GRAHAM LORD



The Canal del Lovo, pictured in 1890, from *Venice in old photographs 1841-1920* by Dorothea Ritter, with an introduction by John Julius Norwich, (Laurence King, £24.95)

Revving up the Austen

■ AN UNEQUAL MARRIAGE
By Emma Tennant
Sceptre, £9.99

IT COMES as something of a shock to find that Mary, the bookish sister in *Pride and Prejudice*, has been summarily killed off between volumes two and three of the continuing saga. Nobody liked her that much, so her death from consumption casts no blight on the proceedings, but it seems a bit of a cheek.

But of course it is a cheek in the first place to restart a novel that already has a perfectly good ending as Emma Tennant has done with *Pemberley*, and now *An Unequal Marriage*. *Pride and Prejudice* is not *Gone With the Wind*, and few sleepless nights can have been spent wondering what happened after Elizabeth Bennet married Darcy and moved into his magnificent pile, Pemberley. But once the question is raised, it seems like quite a good one. The courtship did not go exactly smoothly, so why should the marriage?

Pemberley traced the ups and downs of the Darcys' first year or so together, which seemed to be resolved once Elizabeth managed to conceive, but there was a twist. Pemberley is entailed on a male heir, so, unless Elizabeth can come up with a son, there is a creepy cousin in the wings ready take over the estate.

An Unequal Marriage returns to Pemberley some 18 years later. The Darcy's first child was a girl, but they managed a boy the second time. The girl is everything a parent with a large estate to pass on could desire. But the boy is feckless and bolshy.



Austen: a worthy sequel

Once again the drama centres on the evils of the entail, while the Darcy marriage teeters on the brink. But the plot is relatively incidental, and the real pleasure lies in revisiting Austen's comically awful supporting cast: Mrs Bennet, widowed, a loose cannon careering wildly through Elizabeth's carefully constructed social façade; Miss Bingley, who lost to Elizabeth in the tussle for Darcy's hand, a gloriously poisonous spinster; the infinitely snobbish Mr Collins, happily ensconsed in the Bennets' old house, and his ungracious mentor, Lady Catherine de Bourgh.

Some sequels are bound to disappoint, even when they are not written by imposters. But Tennant's intelligence and wit are amply up to the task here. Only the purest of Janeites could fail to enjoy such a skilful reprise.

ROSE WILD

Of characters and kings

Edward Marriott grapples with the history puzzle that could be a *Masquerade* for the 1990s

KIT Williams's *Masquerade*, an illustrated puzzle book, was the publishing sensation of the early 1980s. It sold two million copies. Treasure hunters scoured the country, desperate to unravel the riddle and find the golden hare.

This week, Sinclair-Stevenson publishes *The History Puzzle*, which, it hopes, will become the *Masquerade* of this decade. It is a picture book featuring more than 1,000 historical characters, from Caesar to Madonna. A prize of £10,000 is offered to the first person to name them all.

The idea stemmed from Cherry Denman's love of history. "The idea is to get people interested in history, and to know how it all fits together."

It has taken four years to complete. The characters range from the obvious — Marilyn Monroe having her skirt blown up — to the obscure — Celia Fiennes, who rode round Britain on a horse in Queen Anne's times. To find their likenesses, Denman scoured children's history books and bought up the entire stock of National Portrait Gallery postcards.

The publisher has already sold the book to Denmark (Vikings feature prominently), Japan and the United States. American publication, however, has been delayed until Denman completes six new double-pages to include the War of Independence, the Civil War, a raft of presidents and "lots of apple pie".

Already she has two more projects in mind — the Old Testament, then an illustrated walk round the world. Both of which may be unnecessary if *The History Puzzle* creates the same buzz as *Masquerade*.

■ THE HISTORY PUZZLE
By Cherry Denman
Sinclair-Stevenson, £9.99

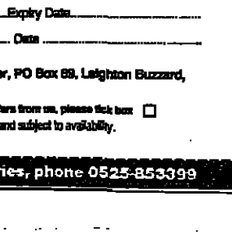
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Derwent May reviews the critics

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4/5 Mother Selina: The new biography of *Evelyn Waugh* by Selina Hastings (Sinclair-Stevenson, £20) had the reviewers purring. In *The Observer*, John Banville said that her book did not displace Martin Stannard's "superb" recent two-volume biography, but complemented it: "Posthumously, Waugh has found a woman determined to do right by him . . . To those areas of his life where Stannard was condemnatory, she brings an almost maternal considerateness". She reveals "the anguished young man cowering" behind his "misanthropic, loutish, drunken" disguise. In *The Sunday Telegraph*, David Sexton also concluded that "what makes her book most valuably different from its precursors is that she writes as a woman . . . She is prepared to evaluate him quite directly as a sexual proposition", but shows "no patience at all with his dimmer attitudes".

In the *Financial Times*, Anthony Curtis maintained that "Waugh does not become any nicer through renewed acquaintance", though "this portrait is painted in warm fresh colours". In *The Daily Telegraph*, Allan Massie found it a "splendid" book, and "sympathetic because, like Waugh himself, the author adores gossip".

In *The Sunday Times*, Humphrey Carpenter observed that Lady Selina Hastings (which is what she is) "might have labelled herself as the first of Waugh's biographers to come from his own social milieu, or at least the milieu into which he managed to elevate himself". Carpenter thought the book was "comparatively uncritical and chatty", but was all the same "the most enjoyable account so far of the strange life of the master of black comedy, whose most masterful blackly comic creation was himself".

Piers Paul Read in *The Times* found the book "entertaining". However, he dismissed the possibility of anybody succeeding in "showing what it was like to be Evelyn Waugh", because "no one can expect to comprehend the mysterious workings of the Grace of God". Biographers — switch off your word-processors.

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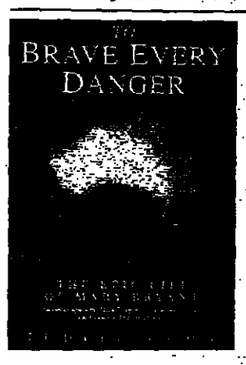


Interviewees: John Lennon, Mae West, Hitler

■ THE PENGUIN BOOK OF INTERVIEWS
Edited by Christopher Silvester
Penguin, £12
Addicted and inured as we are to the interview it is strange to think that it has only been with us since *The New York Tribune*'s Horace Greeley squared up to the formidable Mormon leader, Brigham Young, in 1859. An American innovation, initially disdained by the highbrows as a vulgarian intrusion, the interview's survival has been ensured by a cult of personality so entrenched in our culture that space is provided "to any mediocrity who o'ertops his fellows by an inch".

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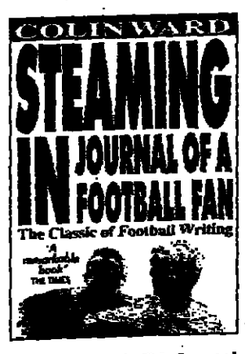
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By Judith Cook
Pan, £5.99
Mary Bryant's lifestory sounds impossibly romantic. Born in the 18th century into a Cornish fishing family, she took up highway robbery in her teens, and was among the first convicts to be transported to Botany Bay. From there, she and her husband escaped in an open boat to the Dutch East Indies. Based on Mary's journal and Australian archive material, Cook is not afraid to tackle the decidedly unromantic parts of Mary's story — her misery giving birth on a stinking convict ship, the gang rapes she witnessed on the shores of Australia and the brutal flogging of her husband after he stole some food for his starving family. Doggedly honest.

■ COLLECTED STORIES
By Beryl Bainbridge
Penguin, £6.99
Previously collected stories, stories not published before in book form and a rumbustious 19th-century adventure story, complete with shipwreck, written at the age of 13. In her adult tales, Bainbridge has her sights on barmy behaviour, and an impressive line in little nobodies. Lodgers abound, as if the world were one big rooming house. Seediness, eccentricity and magic rub shoulders as Bainbridge shines her torch on English suburbia. All very barbed, and thrown off with the insouciance of someone with a lot more where these came from. You almost wouldn't care to invite her to tea.

■ A GERMAN IDENTITY: 1770 to the Present Day
By Harold James
Phoenix, £10.99
This is the best one-volume history of Germany available and it is even more useful now that the author has revised it to take account of events since "the German Revolution of 1989". Not many economic historians know their Wagner as well as Harold James. This brilliant *tour d'horizon* is necessary reading for all those who wish to understand the European Valhalla that Chancellor Helmut Kohl is building — and our own destiny.

■ WITNESS TO MY LIFE: The Letters of Jean-Paul Sartre to Simone de Beauvoir 1926-1939, *Penguin, £8.99*
Sartre described these letters as a "transcription of my immediate life". Candid, passionate, intellectual, humorous, they give a vital insight into the development of one of the most influential thinkers of the 20th century. Including everything from gossip to philosophy, from details of menus to critiques of literature, Sartre's lucid prose transforms events, however mundane, into dazzling anecdotes, and draws meaning from everything he encounters. His letters, revealing the depth of a profound emotional and intellectual interdependence, record one of the greatest love affairs of our century.





■ STEAMING IN: Journal of a Football Fan
By Colin Ward
Pocket Books, £5.99
Nick Hornby's celebrated *Fever Pitch* was the story of the postmodern, thinking football fan; this brutal book is a reclamation of terrace-literature by the unreconstructed hooligan. Colin Ward is an Arsenal fan for whom the game was an excuse to travel the continent in search of trouble, and each gruesome campaign is recalled with the bloody pride of a retired foot-soldier. The sentences themselves may be as horrible as the events they describe, but you cannot help being fascinated by the ghastly exploits of Vince, Leggy, and Tall Eric, and as a record of football's golden age of hooliganism in the 1970s and 1980s it is almost valuable.



■ KIESLOWSKI ON KIESLOWSKI
Edited by Danusia Stok
Faber, £7.99
The great Polish director who makes films "because I don't know how to do anything else" talks engagingly about his childhood, early failure to get into film school, life and work, from the documentaries of the 1960s through censorship and martial law to the recent world-wide successes of *Decalogue*, *The Double Life of Veronique* and *Three Colours*. Kieslowski's films are rich and complex, exploring deep moral issues of freedom and responsibility, public and private life; he is serious and passionate; but his touch is light and he is refreshingly clear-sighted about the realities of "an absurd profession". Excellent.

● *Contributors: Jake Michie, Helen Davidson, Alison Burns, Daniel Johnson, Rachel Campbell Johnston, Giles Coren, Sue Gee*

In the court of the Kennedys, the women are there to suffer, says **Anthony Holden**

Woman's place in Camelot



Rose Kennedy and the unfortunate Rosemary (right) at Buckingham Palace in 1938

BILLED as "The triumph and tragedy of America's first family", this vast survey of the distaff side of the Kennedy clan might better be subtitled "How to survive as the wife/mother/sister/daughter/date of Kennedy man".

Any of these walk-on roles in this open-ended Greek tragedy presupposes certain self-sacrifices. As a Kennedy wife, shut your eyes (and mouth) to constant, obsessive acts of adultery. As a Kennedy sister, remember your brothers are much more important than you will ever be (and cover for their extramarital indiscretions). As a Kennedy daughter, idolise your father, and forgive him his betrayals of your mother. As a Kennedy date, don't just say no — run for your life.

As the Kennedy mother, faced by interminable death and disaster, hold your head high, don't cry in public, and keep vowing to look forward. It was 80 years ago this month that Rose Fitzgerald married Joseph Kennedy, founding the dynasty of which she is still titular head today, well into her second century — and grimly loyal to her husband's memory despite his indiscretions with innumerable showgirls, Gloria Swanson, and just about any woman who passed within his reach.

■ THE KENNEDY WOMEN
By Laurence Leamer
Bantam Press, £20

Rose turns a permanently blind eye, attends Mass, and bears Joe nine children, four of whom predecease her (the oldest, Joe Jr and Kathleen, both died in air crashes before the assassinations of Jack and Bobby). Through it all, she keeps that fragile head high and copes. The touch-football games on the Hyannis lawns must go on.

But the real victim of Kennedy man is not the long-suffering matriarch; nor her widowed daughters-in law, Jackie and Ethel; nor her daughter Pat, reaching for the bottle to blur her sham of a marriage to Peter Lawford, nor even Joan, two-timed alcoholic wife of the wayward Senator Ted. It is the poignant figure of a mildly retarded girl, named Rosemary after her mother.

The Kennedys' second daughter was a pretty but slow child — presentable enough to curtsy at court as a debutante in 1938, while her father was ambassador to the Court of St James, but not to survive his ambitions for the family name.

Three years later, Rosemary lay on an operating table, happily singing and counting while — on her father's orders, over her mother's protests — doctors performed a lobotomy. It is hard not to avert your eyes from Leamer's description: "As long as she continued to sing out, and to add and subtract, the doctors kept cutting away, destroying larger and larger areas of her brain."

After the operation, Rosemary is effectively "disappeared", tidied away in an institution and written out of the script. "From that day on," as Leamer puts it, "Rosemary was gone."

By the end of this shamefully riveting 900-page read, RFK's son David has overdosed on drugs, Jackie has succumbed to cancer, Pat is still drinking, Ted has dumped Joan, granddaughter Maria has married Arnold Schwarzenegger, JFK Jr is through romancing Darryl Hannah, and Jean Kennedy Smith has survived her son's rape trial to resurface as Bill Clinton's unlikely ambassador to Ireland.

The Kennedy show goes on, but the petulant patriarch has gone. So Rose Jr is finally allowed out of her institution to visit her 104-year old mother, while Teddy fights for his political life. As the Kennedy men wave, the Kennedy women drown — in alcohol, chloroform, or whatever keeps them in their place, out of the picture.



The abbey habit: Ireland, 1962, from *Between the Sexes* (Norton, £25), a collection of photographs by Magnum photographer Elliot Erwitt.

Domestic hell

Wimbledon's gloss hides horror, warns **Philip Howard**

IT IS a depressing truth that many women who are regularly beaten up by their men remain in the relationship because the man's rage is seen as proof that he cares. Indifference would be worse.

Cath, a frequent subject of marital assault, is taken on as cleaning lady by crown prosecutor Helen West. West's work is increasingly burdensome and fraught; not for the first time, a victim of domestic violence has disappeared on the morning of her attacker's trial, rather than give evidence against him. West's affair with her policeman lover Geoffrey Bailey has reached an unsatisfactory, irritating stalemate. Cath the cleaner is hired to help inject some brightness into West's dingy flat.

West is ignorant, at first, that Bailey is investigating the killing of Cath's much-loved brother, Damien, a small-time crook, apparently in an après-pub brawl. Inexorably the private tensions between West and Bailey, between Cath and her barman husband Joe, become enmeshed in the police inquiry.

Fyfield is at her best writing about sad people in bleak circumstances not of their own making. She treats them with understanding and sympathy, but without pity. She has, too, an extraordinary feel for the menace that bubbles just below the daily lives of troubled people. Her portrayal of Cath, stupid and cunning, at one level a submissive punch-bag for her uncontrollable husband but with a pool of submerged anger waiting to burst, tells us as much about battered women as a dozen official reports.

■ A CLEAR CONSCIENCE
By Frances Fyfield
Bantam Press, £14.99



Fyfield: understanding

The final chapters brilliantly pose a fundamental question. Where — in whose hands — lies the justice in our criminal justice system? Helen West's — Fyfield's — intelligently provocative answer leaves the reader thinking long after the last page.

MARCEL BERLINS

Tennis and terror

WIMBLEDON is a jokonym for suburban respectability, at any rate for those who have not seen its football side. The trisyllable toponym even sounds funny (uneasy pronouncers turn the triphthong in the middle into WIMPLedon, as though it were a headdress for transvestite academics), which may explain the success of such otherwise dim programmes as *The Wombles of Wimbledon Common* and the annual tennis tournament with its all-night queues, hospitality tents and dirty old men ogling long-legged tennis girls.

So welcome home, Henry Farr. These linked short stories, one for each month of the year, chart the progress of the hero of *The Wimbledon Poisoner*. Henry is an older and sadder man, but, luckily for his admirers, no wiser or less angry. He is a descendant of Charles Pooter and Reginald Perrin, but with black teeth.

The humour lies in the contrast between Wimbledonian gloss, which is only as deep as the paint on the Mockbroker's Tudor mansion next door, and the violence, malice and disreputable outrage that bubble beneath. Wimbledon might seem the last place you would expect ghastly murder, but even there it can happen, in real life.

Henry now 47, the boring solicitor who finds most things boring, especially life, has abandoned dreams of murdering his wife. January starts with Henry's ill-judged New Year resolutions, including one to abstain from murder, and to try to be nicer to his wife and daughter. This is not easy. Elinor the wife has become fat and feminist and (understandably) repelled by Henry's (unenthusiastic) sexual advances. Maisie, the daughter, is a female Adrian Mole without his sophistication.

■ SCENES FROM A POISONER'S LIFE
By Nigel Williams
Faber, £14.99

Henry decided long ago that married life starts as a blend of lust and inertia and ends as a mixture of dislike and weary tolerance. Beneath the surface, the world is black and nasty, including serial murder, arson, sexual perversions, racialist persecution and other little disturbances of Wimbledonian life. The early music specialist brings the same relentless thoroughness to his sexual proclivities with his choir of middle-aged ladies as he brings to Scarlatti.

Henry is not just sexually challenged. He is geographically challenged on a walking holiday in the Lake District, socially challenged by the neighbours, and pretentiously challenged by his wife's darting enthusiasms for Picasso and Jeanette Winterson. His most hellish fortnight of the year is at the beginning of July, when young millionaires, whose names Henry no longer knows, descend on his suburb to serve aces.

He is challenged by Wimbledon life, and loses. This is not a book to be chuckled over by the faint-hearted. It shrieks and gibbers violence, outrage and all suburban nastiness. Nigel Williams secretly loves the monsters he has created, even that sad sack Henry, the dreadful Elinor and the monstrous Maisie. He is on the side of the underdogs, even of Wimbledon itself, that ugly underdog which sees itself as a Crufts champion. They shatter the politically correct taboos of modern living and are the funniest fictional creatures around. May they disgrace themselves in Wimbledon for many more shocking adventures that say the unspeakable about life.

But when I visit friends or the tennis at Wimbledon, I am going to make sure to leave before nightfall.

Happy daze are here again

■ LISTENING TO PROZAC
By Peter D. Kramer
Fourth Estate Paperbacks, £7.99

PROFESSOR Kramer is the prophet of Prozac. For this reason I picked up his book with great scepticism, as if he were some kind of super pill salesman with a particularly seductive line in snake oil.

First marketed in 1988, Prozac is now taken by some ten million people. It is a new kind of anti-depressant, now the most popular psychiatric drug in history. It is a "mood brightener", a new concept. It does not make people calm or tranquilised. It does not turn them into zombies. Quite the contrary, when it works on the depressed, it lifts their personalities, makes them very nearly into different people.

It is not in the clinical sense addictive, though that has always seemed a nice distinction. Anything that makes you feel very good is likely to make you want to keep taking it.

THE moving and sensitively described case histories that abound in this book tell of people who are not profoundly depressed. They are people who function, and who are not seriously mentally ill, but who operate below par. It turns pessimists into optimists, the withdrawn into gregarious socialisers, the sexually shy into adventurers. It improves people's performance at work, makes them better able to deal with other people, giving them a new emotional resilience. One young architect describes himself as feeling "better than well".

But Prozac has its critics. There is a Prozac Survivors Group some of whose members claim that the drug has driven them to suicide attempts or outbreaks of uncharacteristic violence. Many cases are pending against the drug company, Eli Lilly, by those who claim their lives have been destroyed by it. These patients have appeared widely on American chat shows, but Kramer debunks these with confident conviction. He finds many of the celebrated cases are people with long suicidal histories or histories of violence. Only last week a study (unconfirmed by any other research) suggested rats with tumours given a large quantity of Prozac may suffer a faster growth in their cancers.

The anti-Prozac stories always get great prominence. Why, particularly? Because, Kramer suggests, we suffer a kind of puritanism that makes us unwilling to believe that a drug can do all this.

HIS book is a fascinatingly subtle philosophical discussion of the nature of personality and our perceptions of it. This is not snake oil at all, but a deep, beautifully written discussion of the very essence of being. What are we if our personalities can be bettered by chemicals? Which is our "real" self? Is it lifting an unnatural depression, or bringing in a new character altogether? Those who benefit from Prozac have no doubt that their real selves are when they are happier and better.

Moralists feel it undermines the whole nature of human experience and our perception of the human condition if suddenly everyone can be happier. What of great art that springs mainly from neuroses and unhappiness, what of the wound and the bow?

Kramer worries about aspects of the drug that turn people into exactly what the 1990s rewards in human personality: outgoing, go-getting, sociable, ambitious. In other eras and other cultures different qualities are admired. Will we have a designer personality drug to suit every *zeitgeist*? But Prozac is not Huxley's *soma*, turning people into contented automata. Quite the contrary, it makes them more independent and more vigorous in pursuit of life. So why does it worry us so? Yet it does, it does. But before jumping to simplistic conclusions, read this book.

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Ronald Faux on a British motorcycle success

A Triumph to shout about



An old name with new appeal: the Triumph Sprint is leading the company's comeback

My father never broached the subject of sex but he spoke to me often about motorcycles. He may have reckoned that riding around on two wheels was far more dangerous than any peril that procreation was likely to throw my way. He could have reached this conclusion the day his New Imperial became trapped in tram lines and he was thrown onto the back of a cow that had wandered into the street, severely injuring his dignity.

"They are all out to kill you," he would warn me. "You're never safe. Around every bend there could be a furniture van on its roof." His pessimism was so apocalyptic that I now expect to confront a spectral heap of arm chairs and wardrobes around every blind bend.

My father was also convinced of the absolute supremacy of British motorcycles. They did achieve world domination with such names as Velocette and Vincent, Triumph and Norton, Matchless and AJS. Of these only Triumph survives as a significant contender in the international market thanks to John Bloor whose Bloor Holdings Ltd bought the intellectual property rights of Triumph in 1984 after the workers' co-operative producing the traditional Triumph went into liquidation.

Since then the company has attacked the market with a range of machines that has restored Britain to the plinth dominated by Japan and the continental manufacturers. Appearing at next week's International Motorcycle Show will be the Triumph Thunderbird, a famous name resurrected for the move into the American market.

The high-tech transformation achieved by Triumph has yielded results. Sales from January to June this year were 35 per cent up on the same period last year, and the factory in Hinckley, Leicestershire, is to increase annual production to 12,000 units from 8,000.

The Triumph Sprint 900 I was invited to try out by Frettons of Leamington Spa, was a far cry from the earlier Triumphs. Where, for example, was the kick start or the obligatory pool of oil beneath the centre stand? And where was the anarchic roar from the exhaust?

The Sprint 900 has proved to be the most popular of the new Triumphs. Why this should be so is quickly evident. The fairing with its twin headlights is neat and effective, diverting the strongest blast of airflow. The riding position is comfortable for touring, it does not pitch the driver into a head-down-bum-in-the-air posture more related to Newmarket than the M6. On the motorway the three-cylinder engine with its 12-valves and long stroke crankshaft delivered an output of power that was stunning. The machine consumed the M6 with a healthy hunger.

The International Motorcycle Show at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, opens to the public from November 8 until November 13. Admission £8, under-16s £4. Halls open from 10am to 7pm.

Vibration was minimal and the Sprint gave me the impression of being a tireless, well-mannered machine, unlike a Triumph of a previous generation I can recall that would wag its tail on a fast bend, suffer infuriating flat spots and require a telegram to the brakes: "Urgent you operate soonest. Stop."

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Traffic jams and rail delays have revived Vespa's popularity, **Kevin Eason** reports

Scooters weave back into fashion

JAMES MORGAN



Marina Lloyd's Vespa has cut 45 minutes off her journey to work. By car it took an hour

It was once as fashionable as the miniskirt and Parka jacket. The humble Vespa was regulation transport for the trendy Mods who swarmed around on their tiny buzzing machines like wasps, descending on seaside towns in the 1960s.

Whether the title Vespa — Italian for wasp — came from the curious buzz of the single-cylinder engine, no one seems to know. But from the day Gregory Peck gave Audrey Hepburn a lift on his pillion in *Roman Holiday*, the Vespa became the most fashionable set of two wheels you could use, even on a wet Bank Holiday in Brighton.

Like all fashions, it had its day and died. Teenagers who had turned their Vespas and Lambrettas into travelling fashion statements, with arrays of wing-mirrors and lights, discovered the drawbacks of transport which subjected driver and passenger to the elements. Within a few years, travel on four wheels, no matter how basic, superseded the scooter. An old banger may have been unreliable but it at least provided a heater, protection from the weather and a back seat for youngsters whose amorous intentions had been limited by the pillion.

> "I fill up the fuel tank once a week, for about £3.80"

But now the Vespa — the last recognisable scooter name — is back on Britain's streets and has become a sell-out vehicle for the first time since the 1960s. This time around though, the buyers are mostly city workers.

Determined to beat rail strikes and congested streets, increasing numbers of bankers, stockbrokers, doctors and lawyers are leaving the Mondeo or the Jaguar at home in the garage and using scooters to get round Britain's towns and cities. While the rest of us fume and drum our fingers on the steering wheel, the scooter riders happily weave their way between the lines of cars — and get to work on time.

The result of the new interest in scooters is that Vespa sales have soared, up by 61 per cent this year to almost 1,400 machines.

Sales of motorcycles are growing, too: faster than at any time since 1980, with about 40,000 expected to be sold this year.

The demand for motorcycles is increasing particularly among companies. Britvic, the soft drinks firm, provides 1100cc Honda Pan-European bikes for its service engineers who repair vending machines in London.

In an age when the company car is being taxed harder than ever, and car-servicing costs are rising, there is logic in using a motorcycle to get around.

A large motorcycle can be almost as expensive as a car and is likely to prove too powerful for someone who just wants to be at their desk on time. Scooters are more user-friendly, according to Ian Waldock, a partner at Metropolis Motorcycles on London's Albert Embankment where scooter sales have jumped tenfold this year. His client list reads like a *Who's Who* of City workers, with sales in the last few days to a dentist, a chartered accountant and a marine insurance broker.

"If anyone thinks there is a stigma about putting on a helmet and riding a scooter, they can think again, while they are sitting in lines of traffic every morning," he says.

The people who buy scooters want to get about quickly and not be stranded in a jam or waiting on a station, not knowing when, or if, they are going to get to work, Mr Waldock says.

Marina Lloyd, a 28-year-old investment banker, commutes daily from her home in Chelsea to the City. The journey is only five miles but it took an hour by car or 40 minutes by tube. Now it takes 15 minutes on her 125cc Vespa.

"Scooters are so easy to ride and so cheap," she says. "I fill up the fuel tank once a week, which costs about £3.80 and that is it. I have even started using it for shopping and weekends, because it is easier than the car."

Motorcycle manufacturers say that a scooter, which costs about £1,500, can be ridden immediately by most car drivers and offers up to 150 miles to the gallon, is ideal commuter transport.

Dealers such as Metropolis offer lessons, but scooters can be ridden easily by men or women, and do not present the problems of a conventional motorbike for someone wearing a skirt.

The technology of the scooter has changed little over the years. The Vespa's engine is still a single-cylinder two-stroke, with a four-speed gearbox operated from a twist grip on the left side of the handlebars.

Top speed is rated at only 54 mph, but that should be more than enough for commuters who may rarely pass 30mph when threading through heavy traffic.

Even in the age of electronic starter buttons, Vespa riders still have to use a kick-start pedal. But the modern T5, the Vespa most like its 1960s predecessors, does have a pannier to carry office bits and pieces.

At a time when the Government is becoming increasingly concerned about pollution from the exhausts of millions of cars and lorries in town centres, the humble scooter offers a cheap and practical alternative.

Andrew Cowan, a solicitor, leaves his Alfa Spider sports car at home in the garage and takes to his Vespa for appointments all over London. He says: "The Alfa was registered in 1984 but only has 50,000 miles on the clock because I am always on the scooter. I have to get to meetings with clients and if I relied on the car, it would be hopeless. A journey that would take an hour can now be done in 20 minutes, and I don't have to worry about parking when I reach my desination.

"When the roads are so congested and we have suffered rail strikes, a scooter makes so much better sense. I've no idea why everyone doesn't use one around their city or town."

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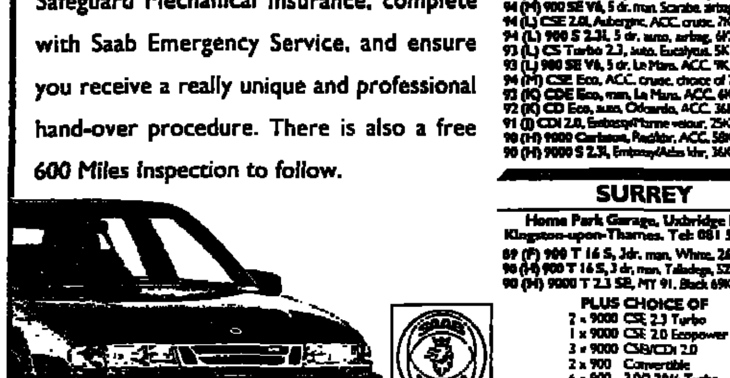
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The grassroot way to revive lawns

There is still time to repair damaged lawns, says George Plumptre, The Times Gardener

TONY WHITE



George Plumptre and his daughter, three-year-old Hermione, with a growing patch of the perennial ornamental grass *Pennisetum villosum*

I knew I should have repaired the worn batting creases that the boys' summer cricket had produced at both ends of our lawn on the same weekend that the cricket club repaired its pitch on the village green, but we went away for a family wedding and my maintenance was delayed for a week.

Nonetheless, I later spent a fine, warm Sunday working the surface of the worn patches into a tilth with my fork and compacting the ground before spreading the grass seed and raking it in. That night, however, we had the first of three successive sharp ground frosts, not hard but sufficient to ensure a long delay before the seed germinates. While the village pitch sprouted healthy new green shoots within ten days, I still watch and wait.

If you have a similar problem, do not despair. Grass seed sown when the autumn temperatures have dropped will eventually germinate. John Wellard, my parents' gardener at Goodnestone in Kent, says that grass seed is almost indestructible. He told me that a few years ago he sowed a small area which disappeared under an early covering of snow a day later. Although it took weeks, the seed eventually germinated. He says that despite a delayed start, autumn-sown grass seed has better conditions for becoming established through the winter. The cooler ground helps the roots to develop more slowly, which makes them stronger, and the seed does not need watering.

At the same time as repairing the wicket, I attacked the weeds which had spread over the lawn through the summer. I used ICI's Verdons 2 weedkiller. Like most of its kind, it is selective, non-residual (which means that the ground is unaffected) and is easily applied using a watering can with a rose. As each bottle (£3.79 for 500ml) clearly states the size of the area the contents will cover, it is worth buying just enough for your needs so that the empty bottle can be disposed of immediately and not left in the tool shed with an inch of liquid in the bottom.

Treating weeds at this time of year diminishes them before the winter and should mean that next spring the grass will put on a healthier growth straight away. When you mow after treating your lawn in this way, do not use the clippings from the first couple of cuts for mulch or compost, because they may contain remnants of the weedkiller.

The normal wear and tear on our small lawn (three-year-old Hermione also plays there) means that the grass is showing the strain by the end of the autumn. I have alleviated this in the worst patches by spiking the ground with a fork to a depth of about 3in and wiggling the prongs to slightly enlarge the holes.

In my oval-shaped border, quite different grasses have come into their own during the past four weeks, and are one of the best sights in the garden. Plants of the perennial ornamental grass *Pennisetum villosum* that I put in a year ago took a long time to get going at the start of this summer because of a cold, wet May. But the balmy days in September gave the plants a boost and they have combined to produce an elegant bushy shape with quantities of fluffy flowerheads. Those on my plants are ivory coloured, but they can have a pink shade, and both colours are superb for autumn flower arranging.

Like all ornamental grasses, *P. villosum* combines attractive shape and good neutral colour to make it an ideal companion for almost any flowering border plants. The sharp-edged leaves retain their rich green colour at a time when most plants are fading. They arch out from dense clumps, with the stems tipped by flowerheads. Not as tall as most other ornamental grasses — mine are about 2ft high — they are most effective at the front of a border, with the stems spilling forwards.

The drooping, fluffy heads catch the low autumn light so that they almost glow, and it is easy to see why the plant's common name is the feather-mop. But they look even better in the early morning when covered with silvery gossamer or a sparkling light frost.

Once they have been finished by the onset of winter weather, resist the temptation to cut them down just for the sake of tidiness. Many people in England recommend that pennisetums are grown as annuals. Mine, however, have proved to be hardy so far, and leaving the old growth through the winter can only help to protect next year's growth.

WEEKEND TIPS

- *Remember that rooted cuttings in the greenhouse, especially evergreen shrubs, are best left through the winter and not potted on until March.*
- *Brussels Sprouts are ready for picking.*
- *Potted up bulbs for indoor flowering, such as hyacinths, could be ready for moving to a cool, light position. Usually allow 6-8 weeks from potting up, but always ensure that there is a strong flower bud visible before moving them out.*
- *Cut down hardy perennials such as acanthus, autumn flowering anemones, and sedums to leave your borders tidy through the winter.*

GARDEN ANSWERS



STEPHEN ANDERTON
replies to readers' letters

Q **We want to remove several large tree stumps from the lawn but do not have the energy to dig them out. Slow-rotting chemicals appear to take a long time to be effective. We understand that an injection of saltpetre can be made and the stump then set alight, but this sounds dangerous. Any ideas?** — Garth Drinkwater, Holyhead, Anglesey.

A The fastest and simplest answer (short of using a JCB) is to hire a tree surgeon to grind the stumps out to a foot or so below soil-level with a special machine. A fresh stump a yard across might take a couple of hours or more to remove, but smaller ones can be done in less than half an hour. Expect to pay about £50 for two hours work.

The saltpetre idea sounds possible, but how would you get enough in there to really make wet wood smoulder? Does anyone know the secret? Making bonfires around stumps is never a good idea, because the charred remains are much harder for the natural decaying fungi to colonise.

Q **Our horse-chestnut tree, planted from seed by our son 16 years ago, is 12ft tall but does not produce flowers or conkers. Will it ever?** — Mrs J. Maxfield, Swindon, Wiltshire.

A Twelve feet of growth in sixteen years is desperately slow. Perhaps it is in poor soil. On the other hand, it is about the size at which you would expect it to begin to produce flowers and fruit. For sentiment's sake I would keep waiting.

If you want a handsome tree in the long term, it may be better to plant the Indian horse-chestnut *Aescalus indica*, which has glossy leaves and flowers as late as June or July.

Q **Our bamboo clumps have spread over the lawn and into a privet hedge. We have removed runners and applied glyphosphate to the leaves to no avail. What do you advise?** — K.C. Bladon, Neath, West Glamorgan.

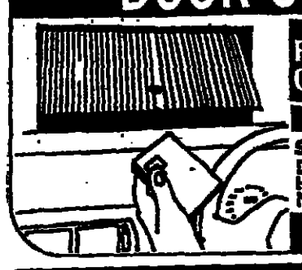
A Why not develop a bamboo screen rather than a privet hedge? There would be no clipping to do, and bamboos can make just as dense a boundary. Cut away the privet over the next few years to give the bamboo the upper hand, if it appears to require any assistance.

If you want to retain the privet, cut down all the bamboo stems to weaken it, and when regrowth occurs cut the tops off the shoots at a few inches. Then, pour a little diluted glyphosphate into each hollow stem. Give it no quarter for a year or two if you expect to win.

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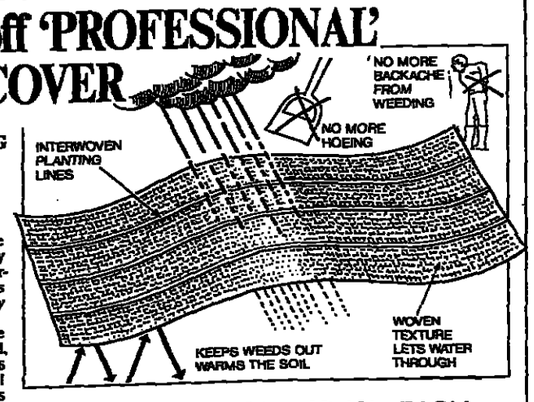
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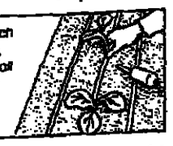
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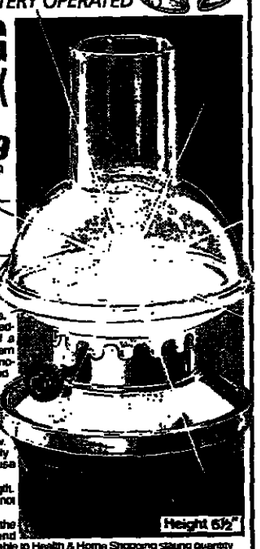
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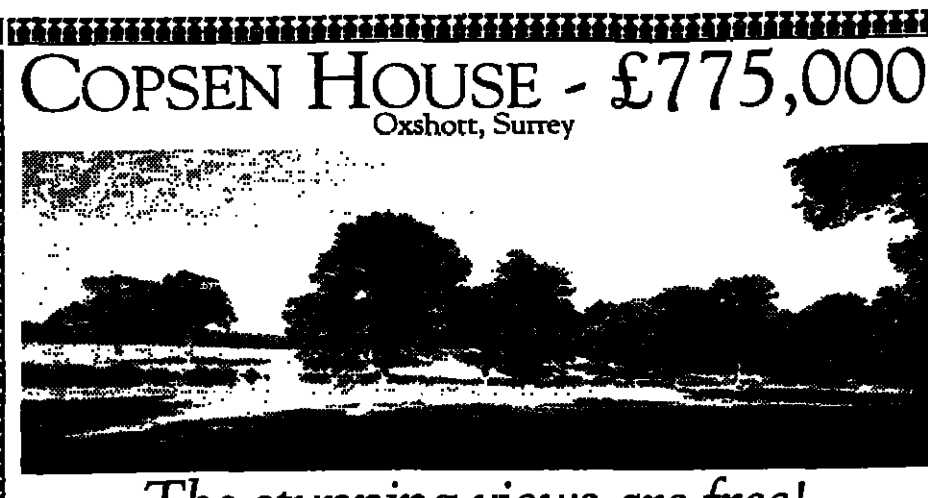
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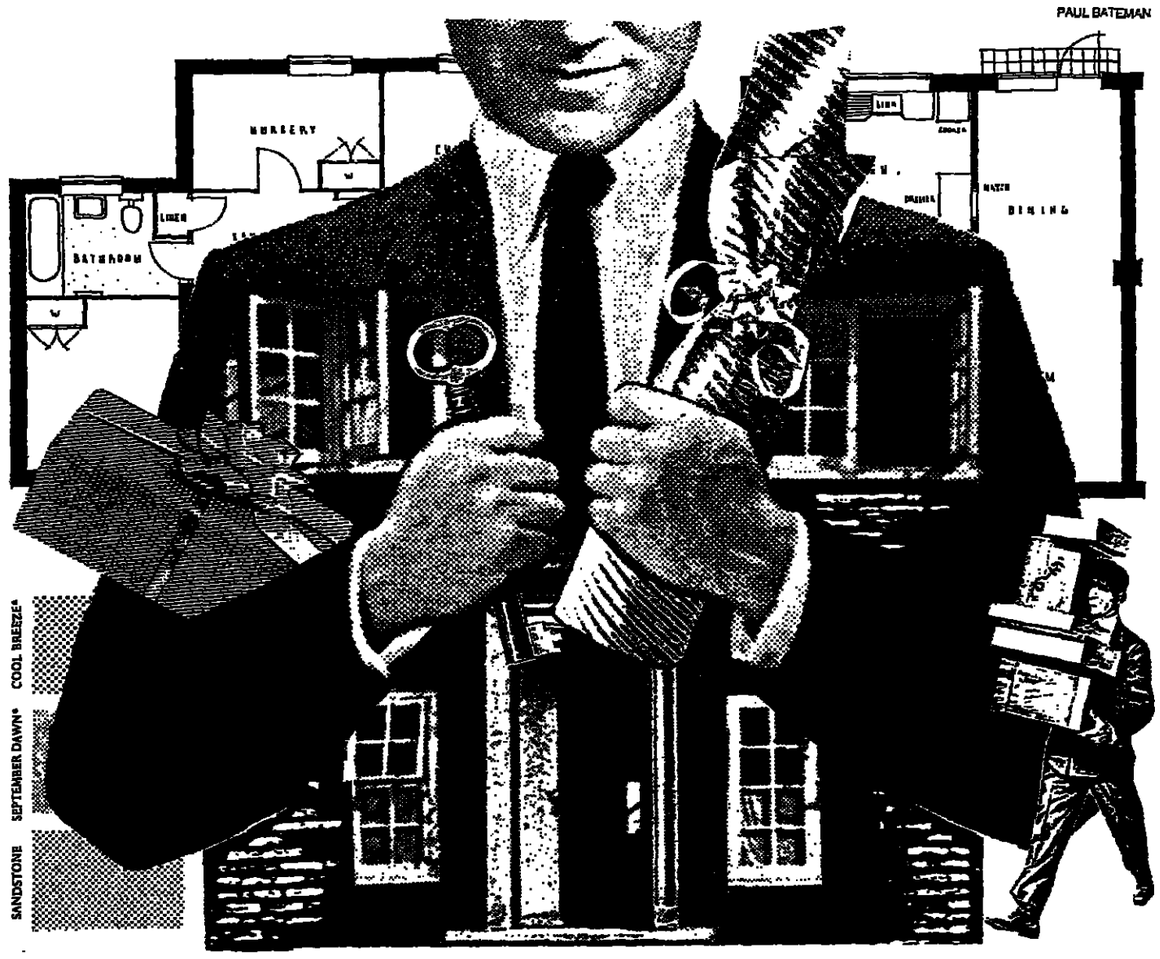
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How to steer clear of terrible tenants

A landlord's life is not an easy one. Few tenants will care for a rented house as if it were their own. The very worst will leave the property in a dismal state. Here is our guide to letting for beginners



Our first tenant left us a bottle of burgundy and a box of chocolates; the second departed with the police on his tail. We never intended to become landlords, but when the previous owners of our home insisted that the sale must include the adjoining cottage, we decided we had no choice.

We inherited sitting tenants — an elderly couple who, in 1978, paid 50p a week. Really. *Admittedly* it was only a "one-up, one-down". But in estate agents' language it was also a desirable 16th-century terrace cottage in an historic hilltop Pennine village, much sought after by the professionals who commuted to Leeds and Manchester.

The rent stayed that way — we could not risk being accused of Rachmanism in a closely knit village where we were the outsiders — until the couple died in 1989. Then came the big decision: to sell, or to let again and properly enter the minefield of being landlords.

We chose the latter, with phrases such as "great investment" and "gold mine" ringing in our ears. An architect friend generously drew plans to convert an old-fashioned interior into an open-plan ground floor, with a new bathroom and double bedroom above.

There was the challenge of choosing a new bathroom suite, a kitchen, and a colour scheme for carpets and curtains. The advice from those who knew was to decorate and furnish as well as we could afford, on the premise that a well renovated property, tastefully furnished, would attract a well-behaved tenant able to pay a decent rent.

Inevitably, the conversion cost more than predicted, and we spent about £17,000 on gutting and replastering the place, putting in windows and floors, central heating, a kitchen and bathroom, and decorating and furnishing.

We took the advice of an estate agent to set the rent at £325 per month. Money from the rent which is spent on repairs can be set against tax; the remainder of the rent is taxed. It is not possible to claim income tax relief on a mortgage for a second home.

We researched estate agents' and letting agents' fees, which were about 15 per cent, and decided to handle the letting ourselves. We took advice from a solicitor, who suggested we opt for a six-month shorthold tenancy agreement, and that we insist on references, a deposit of one month's rent and one month's rent in advance.

> "After six months they disappeared, and the police came round"

He also recommended we did not accept tenants who were unemployed, in receipt of any DSS benefits, or who smoked or owned pets. Our innocence and social conscience would not allow us to state that in our advertisement — not at first, anyway.

We advertised in the Executive Lets column of the regional press and waited for the telephone to ring. People made appointments to view, and we ran our eyes over them, not only as potential tenants, but potential neighbours. We are still not sure whether living next door was a plus or a minus.

Mr C. Green (tenants' names have been changed for legal reasons) was an excellent first choice. He said he was "in property", he drove a Mercedes, was a member of a fashionable golf club, and presented immaculate references. He was the perfect tenant: quiet, polite and faultless in his payments. He gave us a false sense of security. When he moved after eight months he left the wine and chocs.

After that came Victoria and Michael, a young couple. Victoria had her own hairdresser's salon and Michael was, well, vague, but convinced us of a highly paid seasonal job in motorway maintenance with regular driving of delivery vans in between. Written down, and with hindsight, it sounds supicious. But there were references, which we checked, from the couple's previous landlord and Victoria's father.

However, nothing revealed Michael's police record or his gambling compulsion. We found this out first from the people in the village from whom he had borrowed money. But Victoria always paid the rent. After six months they disappeared, and her father — and the police — came looking.

It was a salutary experience, but how could we guard against its repetition? After that there were would-be tenants who pleaded that "just one well-behaved cat" could do no harm, that a piano and a cello could be squeezed in, that Housing Benefit would cover the rent until his paintings sold and that four spaniels would love life in the cellar.

We learnt quickly that making an appointment to view is no guarantee that it will be kept, and that when callers say it's the most beautiful place they have seen, and that they will send a cheque later that day to secure the tenancy, they don't always mean it. For both reasons we learnt never to tell callers the property was taken until the tenancy agreement was signed and the money in the bank.

We settled for a bus driver and a doctor's receptionist, a smart, friendly couple who for a year looked after the house as if it were their own. One complaint about draughty bedroom windows was justified and dealt with.

Each time the house becomes empty, we consider the options: we could sell, but the market is still depressed; we could advertise it as a holiday cottage, but there would be too much hassle every Saturday; or we could let it again, keeping our fingers crossed.

At the moment Jonathan, divorced with two children, lives there alone. All we're sure of is that he is a partner in a pet-foods firm, that he works hard, cycles and plays squash. Who knows whether he is learning to play the trombone? We sold our house and moved, but kept the cottage as an investment.

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● **Next week:** the perils of letting a home in Italy.

LETTING FACTS

● If you are considering letting a property, a solicitor can advise you on how to approach the building society if the house is mortgaged; on which type of tenancy agreement to use; about which references are most appropriate; and about what to do in case of rent arrears.

● Some mortgage companies reserve the right to increase your mortgage rate if you let.

● The most popular form of agreement for a furnished property is a shorthold fixed-term tenancy, usually for six months. Unfurnished properties are usually let for longer periods.

● Landlords are advised to seek references — from a previous landlord and bank or building society — a deposit of one month's rent; and at least one month's rent in advance.

● Letting agents can find a tenant for a one-off fee or can manage the property for a percentage of the rent (about 15 per cent).

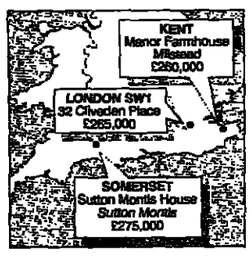
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● Details of solicitors specialising in landlord and tenant matters can be obtained from the Law Society 071-242 1222.





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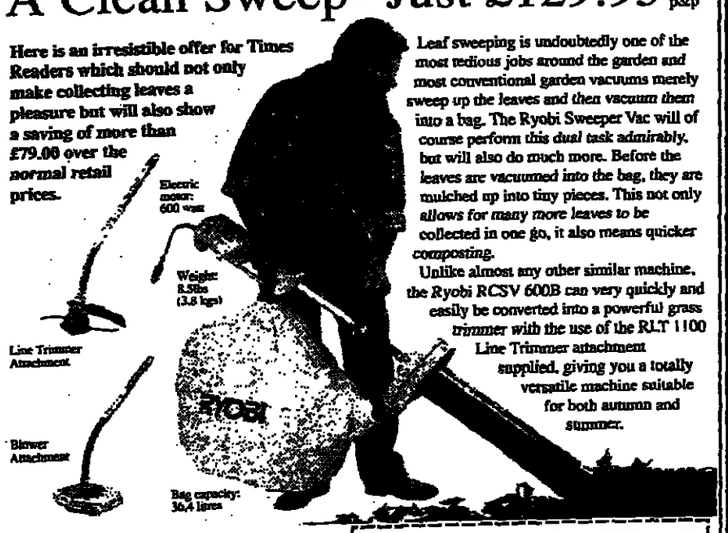
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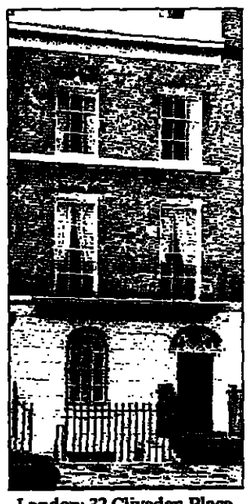
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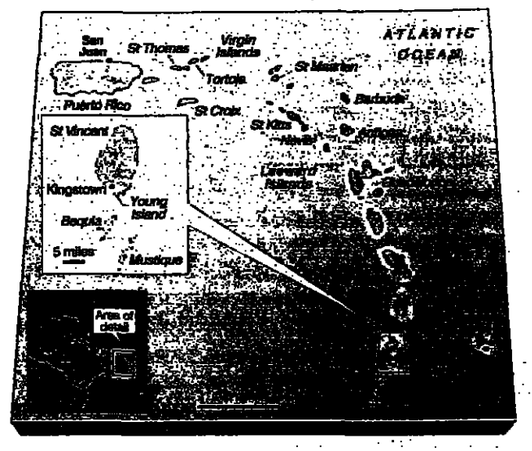
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The place is St Vincent, one of the Grenadines, a group of lesser-known Caribbean islands. Important lesson: the equatorial weather may be near uniform — temperatures range between 75F and 86F all the year round — but that is where the similarities end. Each of the islands is different.

St Vincent, for example, is a tropical paradise: coconuts, bananas, avocado pears, papaya, guavas and hibiscus grow bigger, faster and sweeter in the rich volcanic soil. The mountains attract the rain — *in short sharp bursts that* come and go in minutes — making it a natural hot-house. But the steep terrain rules out large-scale plantations, so there is none of the post-colonial atmosphere that dominates other islands.

The culture is home-grown, even if "Guinness is Good For You" advertisements adorn every other wall. So is the economy, which is almost exclusively agricultural. Bananas are the major export crop, and most locals own chickens, and a goat or cow. In the remoter regions of the rainforest, and far away from prying eyes of tourists and local government officials, dreadlocked rastas live like reclusive monks, tending their *plots of vegetables, fruit and* ganja.

Tourists, and all the trappings of tourism, are barely to be seen. Yet, just 200 yards off St Vincent lies Young Island, which has been turned into a 35-acre luxury hotel complex. From the shore of St Vincent all you can see are palms, banana trees, a tiny jetty and a beach. A little ferry potters back and forth to the island all day. Once there, a maze of paths cut their way through the dense vegetation to separate chalet-like rooms and to the "restaurant": separate open-air bamboo and palm-topped gazebos overlooking *the beach.*



Mustique, just seven minutes flying time from St Vincent by Cessna, offers a stark contrast. Once it had a cotton and sugar plantation, but soon this flat, dry three-mile by one-mile island became uninhabited. At the airport — a bamboo hut which also houses the island's public library (three shelves of sun-faded tomes discarded from the English counties) — there is an 8ft-long customs bench with a large sign saying, "Do not sit or lie on this table".

It is not the sort of notice you expect to find on the playground of the ultra-rich. Yet the island's total population of around 300 consists almost entirely of the servants and *residents of its 75 Dynasty*-style palatial villas — which can count Princess Margaret, Mick Jagger, David Bowie, Lord Lichfield and the former Tory minister, Paul Channon, among their number.

If you cannot afford the minimum $4,000 (£2,500) a week fee for *hiring such a* villa, you can stay at the Cotton House hotel. Its centrepiece is a restored plantation house, where you can enjoy dinner on the balconies. In contrast to Young Island, the hotel sprawls in little cottages across acres of open grounds that look like a Surrey golf course, the main *difference being that the trees* are palms.

Apart from the Cotton House bar there is only one restaurant on Mustique: Basil's, a bamboo pier-like construction with panoramic views of the bay. It serves delicious food, and the home-made ginger ale, complete with floating cloves, is particularly refreshing. So, too, are the rum punches.

For two get-away-from-it-all resorts within a few miles of each other, it is surprising how different Young Island and Mustique are. Lying in bed, windows open to the breeze, Young Island echoes to the sound of tree frogs and crickets, wind rustling in broad leaves and waves crashing *against rocks — you feel* immersed in exotic tropical life. But at Cotton House, the manicured lawns and the efficient air conditioned rooms offer you a cocoon instead.

For those who find get-away-from-it-all spells boredom, then about 80 miles east of *St Vincent* is Barbados. Visitors to the island can wander around old plantation houses and gape open-mouthed at the relics of the slave trade. There are miles of beach-side hotels and restaurants to frequent, plus lush golf courses, and exotic shopping. If you are intrepid, you can even visit a disco in the capital, Bridgetown, where, at 3am *and surrounded by a wall* of sound, a kind local youth may teach you the tricks of being cool despite the 90F-plus heat and the crush of sweaty bodies. The trick: grind your hips suggestively but on no account move your shoulders more than a whisker. Then gyrate closer to someone of the *opposite sex and get synchro*nised. Very absorbing, even for amateurs.

If that is not your cup of tea, however, five-star hotels such as the Sandy Lane will offer everything you need, including local musicians and a phone beside the lavatory for that urgent call. Other than dialling, or sticking a flag in the beach to order your next rum punch, you need not *bother lifting a finger.*

Compared to other winter sun-spots, the Grenadines are fairly expensive, but prices are falling as flights become more frequent, and the warmth of the sea, and the spectacular snorkelling are obvious pluses. So are the pristine beaches. Most hotels offer watersports such as windsurfing for free, but scuba diving is extra.

Except for the big hotels, which offer a vast range of cuisine, most food is an interesting combination of exotic fish, West Indian-style curries and English-style treatment of local fruit and vegetables. Wine, though, is expensive and it is probably better to stick to rum cocktails. Surprisingly, there are few insects, *though mosquitoes are a prob*lem for some visitors.

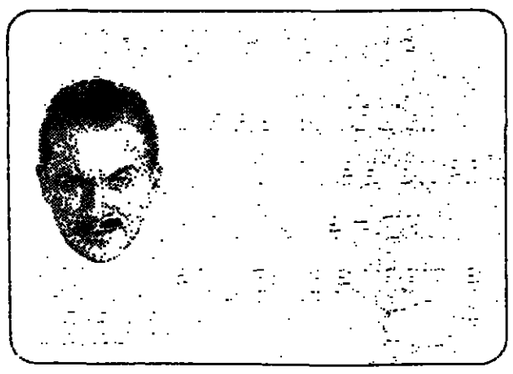
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CARIBBEAN CRUISING: Time ceases to exist in a world of azure seas

Sun and sequins

After a cramped, eight-hour charter flight I boarded the 800-berth *Cunard Countess* at San Juan in Puerto Rico. I'd hardly settled into my cabin when the ship's siren sounded for emergency drill. At nearly 2am GMT, the sight of dozens of bleary-eyed passengers in sunhats and Bermuda shorts strappped into bulky, orange life-jackets reduced some of us to helpless giggles.

Entertainment for the remainder of the cruise was optional and non-stop. I ducked a lesson in folding table napkins but was intrigued by a demonstration of ice-carving. There were lessons in arts and crafts, bridge, golf, Spanish, and shuffleboard.

Not many passengers worked out, but the "Sit and be Fit" class attracted a few elderly cruisers at 8am. Film lovers had a choice of five films from 9.30am until 1am in the air-conditioned cinema.

In the afternoons a Caribbean steel band played "Hot, Hot" in sweltering heat as younger cruisers lay supine by the outdoor pool sipping Tequila Sunrises.

At a tea dance in the Showtime Lounge, an elderly couple in khaki shorts and plimsolls tango'd across the dance floor to the strains of "Jealousy", played by the six-man orchestra.

The dress code aboard was not as perplexing as it had first appeared from the brochure.

> "A couple in khaki shorts and plimsolls tango'd across the floor"

We were only expected to dress up for the captain's dinner and cocktail party, both optional. On Captain's Night, the ship was awash with sequins, gold sandals and white tuxedos.

The cruise director, John Butt, who has been with Cunard for 40 years, told me: "It's a little sad that a lot of people don't want to dress up any more. Men don't have to own a tuxedo, they can wear a jacket and tie. But we definitely don't want flip-flops and shorts at dinner."

The food came non-stop; four meals a day including a midnight buffet. I tried that once, but couldn't face a breakfast of Bismark herring in cream sauce, or smoked salmon and cream cheese, or steamed Finnan haddie with lemon butter, preceeded by Kadota figs, so most days I ate in the Satellite Café, where the buffet was less exotic.

Dinners aboard the *Cunard Countess* are five-course affairs, and the standard was high, though roast beef and Yorkshire and bread-and-butter puddings seemed incongruous in the Caribbean.

Of 12 days aboard we spent only one day at sea — a welcome relief from sightseeing. The ship's itinerary listed 11 islands, each with its own distinctive character. Recalling later which was which was difficult. It's a good idea to keep a diary, because it is so easy to lose track of the days, and time ceases to exist in a world of azure seas, powdery white, palm-fringed beaches and exotic coral reefs. You rely on the daily programme, shoved under your door at night, to keep track of your whereabouts — so that you know when you step down the gangway in yet another colourful port to the sound of yet another welcome from a steel band that this is Guadeloupe/St Maarten/Grenada . . .

With just one day, sometimes less, you can only sample the islands you visit. Invariably, you head back well before sailing time, paranoid about missing the boat.

A sure way not to get stranded is to join one of the excursions Cunard arranges; sometimes there's an option of four or five trips per island. Or you can club together with three or four others to share the cost of a taxi, and make your own tour for about half the price.

On St Thomas, the main island of the 50 U.S. Virgin Islands, I took a bus from the harbour to Charlotte Amalie, the capital, steeped in a history of slave-trading, pirates and rum-running during prohibition. Driving through the suburbs, we passed neat wooden homes where people sat talking and sipping drinks on the verandas.

For a different angle on the island, I joined one of the most memorable Cunard Excursions, a tour called "Above and Below". First, you climbed into a helicopter for a panoramic, bird's eye view, then into a blue and white submarine for a trip 90ft down in the ocean for a fish-eye view of a shipwreck and of exotic shoals darting among the coral reefs.

Visiting the world's only "drive-in" volcano on St Lucia was an eerie experience. I reached it after a six-hour sea safari around the coast of the island (discovered by Columbus on his fourth voyage in 1502). Tourists can no longer walk freely around the bubbling sulphur springs since a guide slipped in and was badly burnt some years ago. Nearby, local women wash clothes in a hot stream.

To escape the heat, I cooled off in the rich mineral waters of the Diamond Bath, just outside the town of Soufriere, in one of the most beautiful gardens in the Caribbean. It was built 200 years ago by Napoleon's troops to soothe their weary bodies; today it costs tired tourists $6 (about £3.50) to bathe there.

Saint-Pierre was the economic and cultural capital of Martinique until 1902 when it was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Pelée. I'll never forget the twisted molten church bell or the ordinary household items such as a sewing machine and an iron at the Museum of Volcanology. The whole town of 30,000 was killed by molten lava except for one man, a prisoner in an underground cell. He survived terrible burns only to wind up as an exhibit touring the world in Barnum's circus.

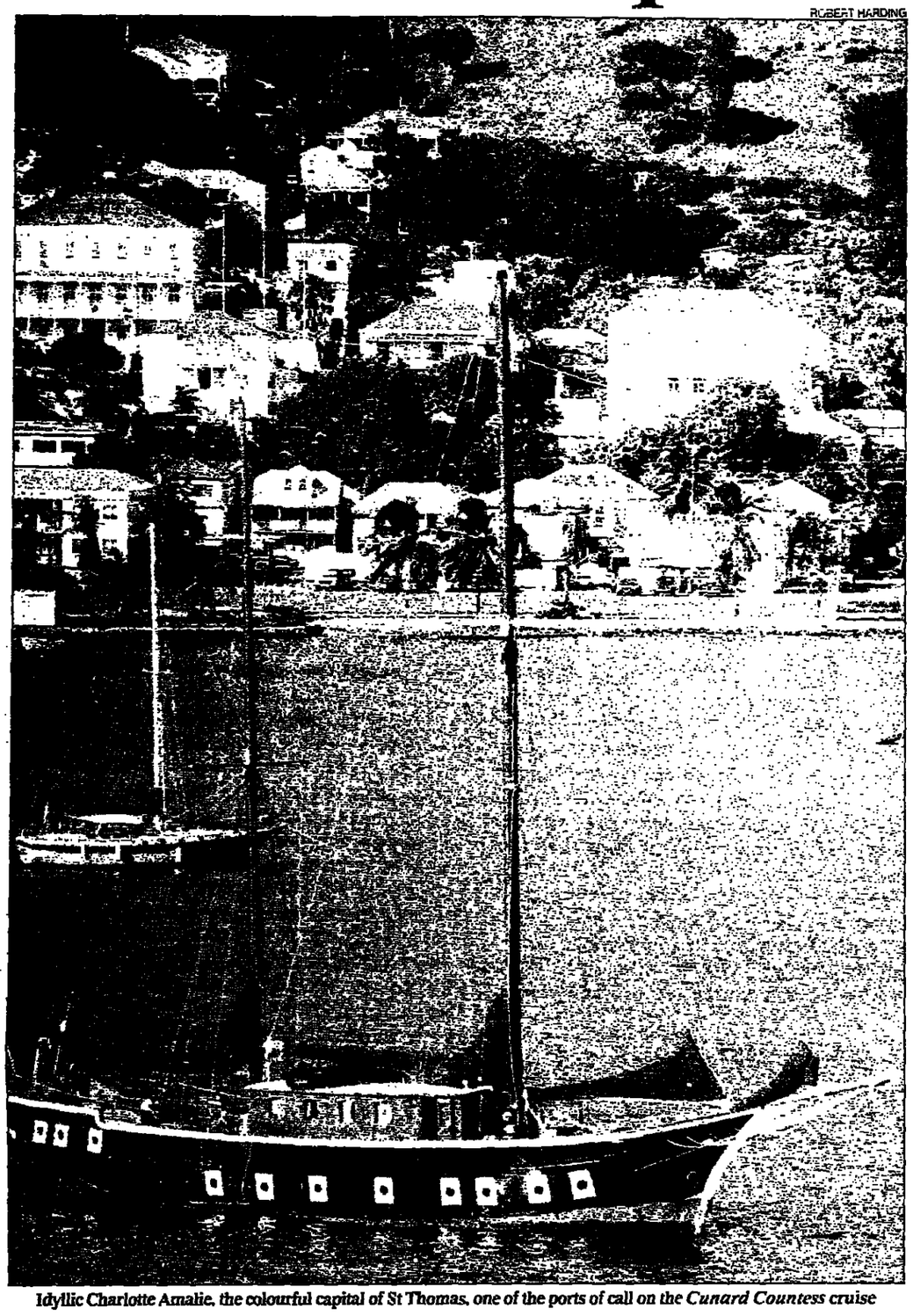
On Grenada, the spice island of the Caribbean, I boarded *Rhum Runner*, an old schooner and headed for a remote beach, half-an-hour from St Georges, the capital. Punch flowed non-stop and passengers danced to a lively steel band; some even attempted to limbo. But on shore two guards kept a watchful eye on the sandy beach, anxious to protect tourists from over-zealous vendors. Earlier, a stroll around the capital's harbour had been marred by the constant attention of traders eager to sell their spices, straw hats and taxi trips. Some more timid passengers had scurried back to the safety of the ship.

In Martinique's present capital, Port-de-France, nobody is quite sure who decapitated the statue of Napoleon's Empress Josephine, a few years ago. Today she stands headless and forlorn in a park. However, there is more respect for crowned heads on St Kitts. "Our Queen loved it here," said Arthur, my guide around the Brimstone Hill Fortress, 900ft above the sea, as he recalled a visit by Queen Elizabeth some 30 years ago.

Happy memories linger long in the Caribbean.

ANN STEELE

● *Ann Steele was a guest of Cunard Lines (071-491 3930). A two-week Caribbean cruise on the Cunard Countess costs from £1,395, including return flights, and takes in 11 islands. A one-week cruise (from £895) includes six or seven islands. Christmas and New Year cruises start from £1,595.*



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Idyllic Charlotte Amalie, the colourful capital of St Thomas, one of the ports of call on the *Cunard Countess* cruise

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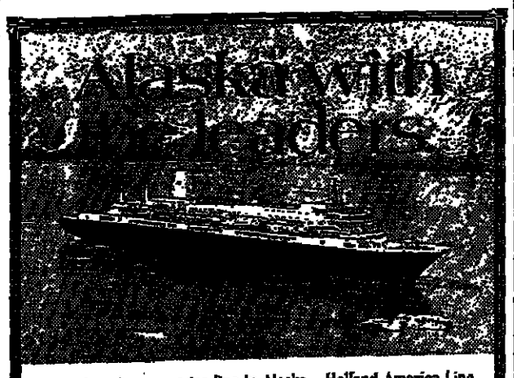
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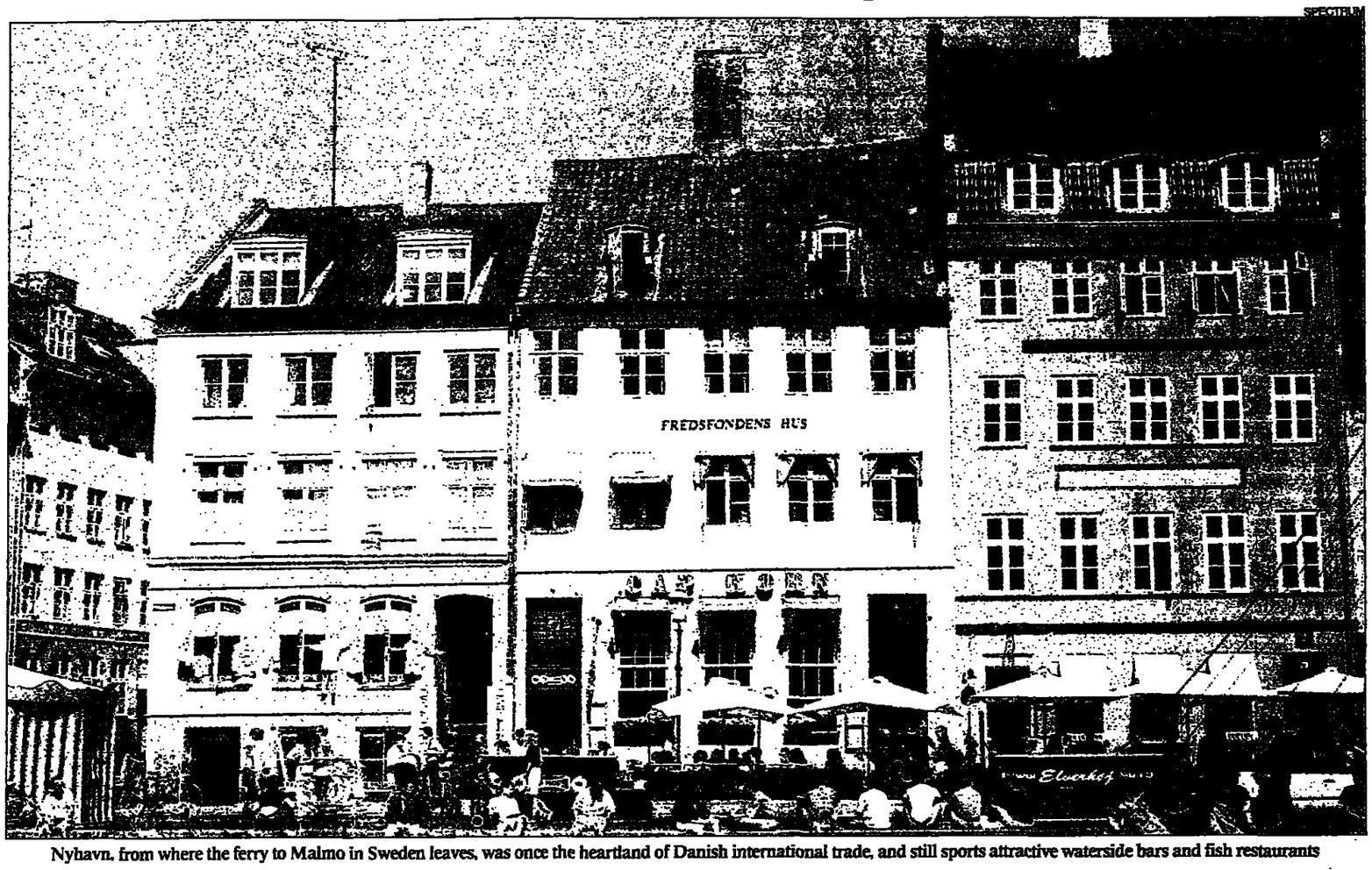
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WEEKEND BREAK: First impressions of Copenhagen are of a prosperous city at ease with its comforts

True life in a fairy-tale city



Nyhavn, from where the ferry to Malmo in Sweden leaves, was once the heartland of Danish international trade, and still sports attractive waterside bars and fish restaurants

Quality of service is the essence of Danish life. You notice it as soon as you arrive. The baggage-handlers do their work in the time it takes you to walk the concourse, and the coach for the city centre leaves within minutes of buying a ticket. At the hotel (of whatever star rating), the staff are welcoming, the room is clean, the telephone works and the hot and cold water merge to a shower of perfect temperature. And everyone speaks English.

The nature of the Danes is in keeping with the traditional charms of their capital. Across the water, in Stockholm, the Swedish urban planners of the 1960s and '70s relegated the old town to a hill behind the royal palace. In Copenhagen, the old town *is* the town, though old here is 18th and mostly 19th century.

The Danes say they are happy not to have been as rich as their Swedish neighbours otherwise they might have been similarly tempted to destruction in the name of progress. Not that they are short of money. Quality shops and restaurants abound. First impressions are of a bustling, prosperous city very much at ease with its comforts.

Most of the big hotels are in and around the town hall square, a short walk from the central railway station, where the airport bus drops passengers. I stayed at the four-star Imperial, which looks unassuming from the outside but inside exudes well-being. The test for any hotel, is that it serves a first-class Danish breakfast: cereal, fruit juice, boiled eggs, cold meats, cheese, bread rolls and jam — the lot. However, the Danes are mid-day abstainers. Lunch is mostly an open sandwich and a glass of fizzy water.

Finding your way around Copenhagen is easy; all you do is to take your bearings from Stroget, the pedestrian shopping street (said to be the world's longest) which meanders square to square from the Town Hall to Kongens Nytorv, near the old harbour.

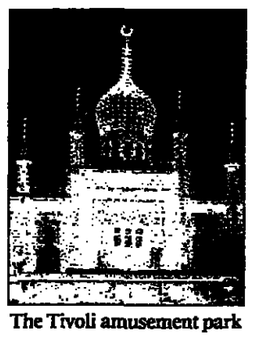
About half way along Stroget is a cluster of shops displaying the best in Danish design. My first call was to Georg Jensen, a silversmith of distinction. Jensen is an international name, but only in Copenhagen can you get the full measure of the craft. Next door is Illums Bolighus, the house of modern design. Prices are not outrageous but many people come just to gaze in wonder at the latest in glass (Holmegaard is the name to look for), furniture, clothes and decorative pieces.

The flagship store for Royal Copenhagen Porcelain is nearby in a 17th-century red-brick town house, a reminder of the Copenhagen of Hans Christian Andersen, whose sharp-nosed profile adorns every down-market shop, along with images of the *Little Mermaid*.

Most stores close on Saturday afternoon at 2pm, but there is always something going on in Copenhagen. The weekend I was there they had a Culture Night or, strictly speaking, an evening in which the museums and galleries opened their doors on a group ticket basis: you paid once and got in everywhere else free.

From an extravagant selection of exhibitions, I started with the Thorvaldsen Museum, an austere, mustard-yellow edifice, a short walk from the Danish Parliament building, which houses a remarkable collection of neo-classical sculptures. Bertol Thorvaldsen was an early 19th-century Danish sculptor who practised classical imitation on a grand scale. The museum, erected in his honour by grateful countrymen, is packed with original plaster casts of religious subjects, mythical characters (Cupid makes frequent appearances) and notables of Thorvaldsen's period. The casts of *The Three Graces* are there. So far no one has tried to sell them off.

I determined to stick to a classical route by crossing town to Ny Glyptotek, a tribute to classicism with its rarely matched collection of Egyptian, Greek, Roman and Oriental sculpture. We have Carlsberg to thank for Ny Glyptotek, a reminder that much of Danish civilisation is reflected in the bottom of a



The Tivoli amusement park

beer glass. The museum, says the guide book, has a sufficient number of statues and artifacts "to equip a hundred ancient temples".

By now I needed a break, and food. Copenhagen has the usual cosmopolitan choice of eating places. If it is Danish food you're after, say, herring or salmon followed by meat balls, it is to be found in the classy restaurants at classy prices, but also in modest bars where the quality is every bit as good and the atmosphere more congenial.

Always ask for advice on what to eat and drink. In particular, be guided by the experts on the question of schnapps with herring. The two belong together but schnapps — the popular brand is Aalborg — is an acquired taste. My favourite is a bright yellowy fluid called Jubileum. Veterans can drink a full glass in one gulp, but they don't stand up very quickly.

Alcohol is expensive, with a small beer costing the kroner equivalent of £2.50 and a bottle of house wine £15. One consolation is the quality; for some reason, Carlsberg and Tuborg beers seem to taste better on their home ground.

The ferry to Malmo in Sweden leaves on the hour from the far end of Nyhavn. This sector of the harbour, once the heartland of Danish international trade, accommodates attractive waterside bars and fish restaurants. Open-air eating and drinking continues into September, and even in the colder months a sunny day will attract imbibers outside.

A winter Sunday is dodo day in Copenhagen. Life is extinct. In summer, everybody makes for the Tivoli Gardens, the city centre amusement park with open air theatres, funfair, big-band extravaganzas, and more restaurant capacity than the rest of Copenhagen put together. But Tivoli closes on September 24 and does not reopen until late spring.

If empty streets depress, take a trip into the country. The pilgrimage to *Hamlet*'s Elsinore and the Kronberg Castle is popular but almost any bus or taxi ride can lead to surprising discoveries. Try Dragor, a charming fishing village with cobbled streets and low-level wooden cottages of the sort that once graced Copenhagen before the devastating fires of the 18th century.

Dragor is just a few miles beyond the super-modern airport, a reminder of what a small and lively country can do to reconcile the best of the old with a shock of the new.

BARRY TURNER

● *The author was a guest of Travelscene (081-427 8800), which offers two-night weekend breaks at the four-star Hotel Imperial, Copenhagen, from £315 per person (three nights from £371), including bed and buffet accommodation and return scheduled flights by SAS from Heathrow.*

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MARIANNE CURPHEY

Ski notebook



VERBIER, in France, cranks up its lifts this weekend, and in America, they've already been skiing a full month at Killington in Vermont. In Britain, tour operators have issued the *second* edition of their winter ski brochures.

☐ SKI caps off to Inghams (081-785 7777) for its pledge that transfer coaches will depart within half an hour of passengers boarding, and that no more than one interim stop will be made to or from the destination resort.

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☐ AND . . . Crystal's snowboard programme, with prices from £59 all-muck-in, is one of the most fun ways to spend a week I've seen so far. The price is based on four sharing, not unreasonable for snowboarders. But when prices to American resorts are quoted on this basis, it overestimates the threshold of propinquity.

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☐ NOW that the last of the specialist brochures is out, best design award has to go to Ski Scott Dunn (081-767 0202) for its spiral-bound, thumb-tabbed edition of "The Edge". The Powder Byrne (081-871 3300) tome reveals the most innovative and all-inclusive package I've seen to Canada, put together by Konrad Bartelski and his former World Cup colleague Canadian Ken Read. The Ski Company (071-730 9600) having raised the chalet holiday to heavenly standards, rests with a relatively unchanged layout. Collirleige (0276 24262) too, retains the old cover, but inside are the finest chalet interiors in Chamonix. The Ski Thomson (071-707 9000) brochure is shockingly slimmer now that the American programme has been dropped, but Thomson is still the ski market leader.

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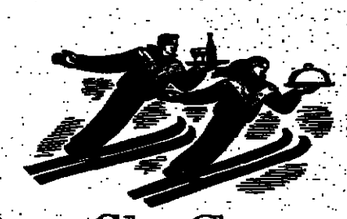
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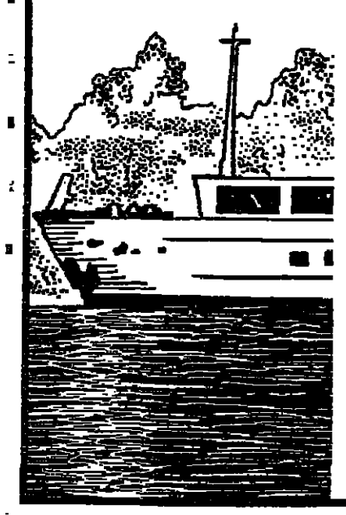
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WORKING HOLIDAYS: From polishing tombs to clearing canals, there is always work to be done

How to have a really useful holiday

Standing up to your knees in water, shovelling mud from the bottom of a long-disused canal may not sound like a lot of fun. In fact it sounds positively arduous. Repairing erosion on an Iron Age earthwork might sound more creative, while the prospect of a few days outdoors in late December, working on the woodlands of Hardwick Hall in the Peak District sounds interesting, even without the promised bonus of bonfires, baked potatoes and Christmas cheer. The only snag with all this activity seems to be the prospect of a bit of hard work. But if you go on a working holiday hard work is all part of the fun.

Working holidays are not a new invention. The National Trust's Acorn Camps — from which some of the above examples are taken — have been around since 1967. In 1994 the Trust was able to offer a choice of some 450 separate projects on 54 National Trust properties all over the country. Thistle Camps serve the same purpose in Scotland, and have done so since 1931, with hundreds of active outdoor holidays available every year.

The widest selection of holidays is available through the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV), where activities include dry-stone walling, footpath repair, controlling scrub, clearing woodlands, and planting trees. The BTCV is very much in the business of finding willing hands for worthwhile projects.

There are further opportunities for worthwhile leisure activities with Canal Camps, which help the various canal trusts to bring their charges back to useful life, and Cathedral Camps which offer work in caring for old abbeys, cathedrals and parish churches: polishing marble tombs, cleaning bells and stained-glass windows — restoring the ravages of time.

Another organisation is Earthwatch, which runs a range of events aiming to improve human understanding of the planet by assisting in field work and ecology projects. And then there is WWOOF (which used to be Working Weekends on Organic Farms and is now Working for Organic Growers), which offers the opportunity to work on organic farms and gardens.

These organisations all exist to help people or trusts with very little money and a constant need for willing hands. The attraction for the volunteer is a healthy holiday, the company of like-minded people and the satisfaction of putting leisure time to practical use. As a small bonus, these holidays include accommodation and meals, and are cheap.

A week in early January with the BTCV, clearing scrub from primrose banks in Surrey will cost £38. A week with Cathedral Camps will cost about £36, and a typical working weekend break about £10 or less. The accommodation is in hostels, though if that sounds a bit rugged you can book in at a B&B or the pub down the road. The food is good and plentiful. Evenings are free, and there is usually a programme of social events, visits to the cinema and theatre — or that pub — as well as one day off to explore the area.



The hard work can be fun

> 'The groups have a constant need for willing hands'

Working holidays were originally aimed at the active young, but are now available for all ages and both sexes. The National Trust requires all volunteers to be over 17, while the BTCV will accept people from 16 to 85. Clearly there is something here for everyone, and since 50 per cent of all those who go on a working holiday have been on one before, they must enjoy the experience. The organisers make every effort to make the holidays enjoyable, and most of them are set in places of great natural beauty.

Working holidays do involve work. It helps to be active, and those who have a knowledge of construction skills — from path-laying to using a chain saw — are especially welcome, although there is a place for everyone. There is no slave driving and the project leaders will tailor the task to the volunteers' fitness and skills. If you have a dodgy back you will be found a task such as sharpening the spades, or keeping the tea coming. Volunteers should bring working clothes, boots and wellies; trainers are not adequate, but full information is in the brochures. The usual hours are nine to five with breaks for coffee and lunch.

The bulk of working holidays take place between March and November, but more and more organisations are offering activities in the winter. The BTCV has a big programme of events, including a number over the ten-day Christmas break. Christmas festivities are included in the BTCV forestry project at South Wood in Kent, at Grimsthorpe Castle in Lincolnshire from December 21 to 28, and at Clandeboye in County Down, where a week will cost £45. Canal Camps is also looking for volunteers over Christmas, so one way or another the work of restoring and conserving the countryside will go on through the winter.

Anyone interested should contact one of the organisations listed below. All you need is warm clothing, a willingness to work on some worthwhile projects, and a great capacity for hot tea. Now, where did I put my wellies?

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HAROLD ARNOLD/WATERWAY IMAGES



Waterway Recovery Group volunteers working on the restoration of Aston Locks on the Montgomery Canal, in Powys

Where to find the right break

FOR brochures and information on forthcoming winter projects, or 1995 holidays, contact:

- ☐ The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (0491 839766);
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- ☐ Earthwatch (0865 311600); WWOOF (0273 476286);
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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 29

HORNERO

(c) A South American bird of the genus *Furnarius*, especially *Furnarius rufus*, also called baker-bird, oven-bird, from the Spanish word for a baker. Gerald Durrell, *Drunken Forest*, 1956: "The oven-bird appears to have more than his fair share of personality and charm. An elderly peon solemnly told me that he would never harm an hornero."

MIHRAB

(a) A niche, chamber, or slab in a mosque, indicating the direction of Mecca, from the Arabic *mihrāb* praying-place. "The focal point of a mosque is the mihrab, a niche in the wall nearest to Mecca to which the congregation turns in prayer."

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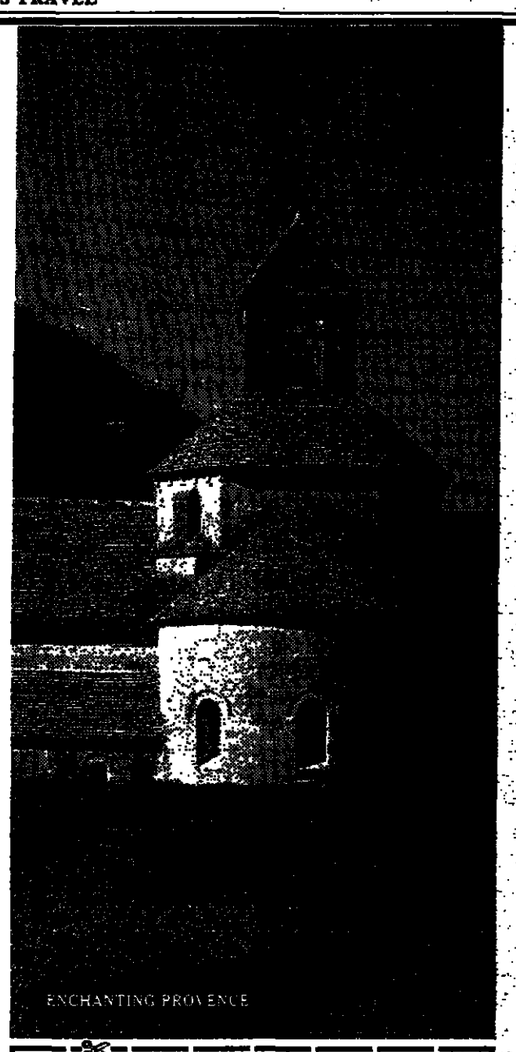
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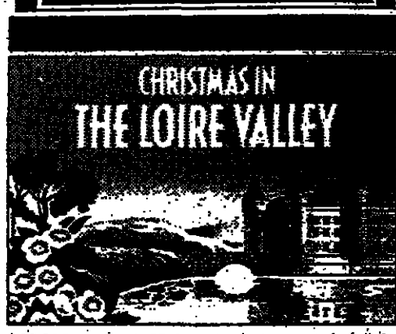
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The Donnington Brewery, near Stow-on-the-Wold, supplies 15 Cotswold pubs — reason enough for thirsty walkers to get their boots on

The Donnington Way in the Cotswolds is a beer-loving walker's dream

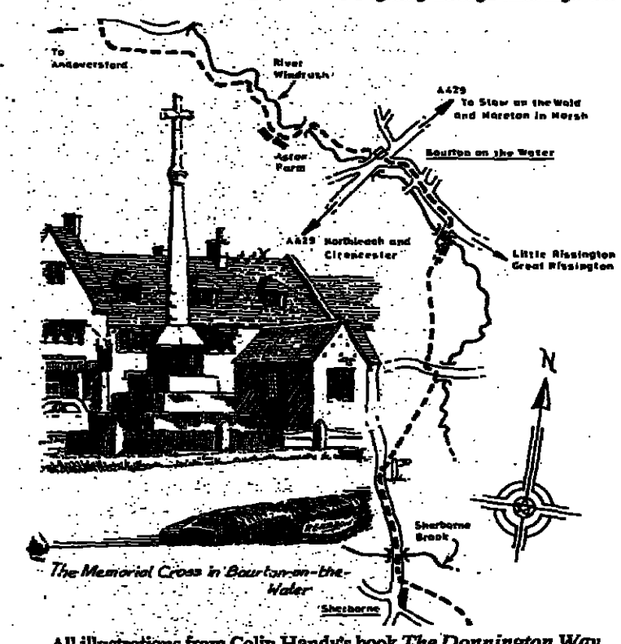
It started, as all really good walks should, in a brewery. But in our case it was purely by chance. The Donnington Way officially starts in Stow-on-the-Wold, but an early morning downpour found us driving through Cotswold country directly to the brewery, three miles from Stow, where we threw ourselves on the mercy of the guv'nor.

Six foot three inches tall, and belying his 70-odd years, Claude Arkell behaved like the benevolent despot he has been since he took over brewing what he calls "the family poison" on the death of his father 42 years ago.

He does not welcome visitors to the pint-sized brewery in the heart of the Gloucestershire folds, preferring, with his small team, to get on with the job of brewing the nectar that had attracted me to the idea of walking The Donnington Way.

"Leave your car here and start the walk at the brewery," he said. "You can probably get around the other pubs at the end."

The rain was easing, so I set off with my son Tom, aged 18, to walk as much of the 62 miles that connects the 15 Cotswold inns as we were able to in three days. I explained to Tom that when we reached our destination the first night, The Fox at Great Barrington, our drinking partner would be the man who conceived the idea of The Donnington Way and wrote the guide book with which we were navigating through knee-high wet grass. Colin Handy, a chief inspector in the Gloucestershire Police and a keen walker, had told me over the phone: "The idea began as a joke with my friends over a drink in a Donnington pub and when I was told I should work out a long-distance route, of public footpaths linking the inns, I took up the challenge."



The Memorial Cross in Bourton-on-the-Water

All illustrations from Colin Handy's book *The Donnington Way*



Magpie

On our way to meet Mr Handy, Tom and I were following a damp but clearly defined route through parkland that linked the first village we had passed, Upper Swell, with our first port of call, The Golden Ball at neighbouring Lower Swell. There we had our first, quick, favourable taste of the liquid that had attracted us to this enterprise and emerged to some decidedly brighter weather.

The well-signposted route took us across the Fosse Way near Stow, and eventually led us to Wyck Rissington, a long straggling village with a number of fine Cotswold stone houses haphazardly positioned on either side of the wide verges that lined the road.

We ate our sandwiches under a large horse-chestnut tree, sheltering from the downpour. We emerged in light rain, walked past the church, where Gustav Holst was once organist, and followed the footpath to Little Rissington.

We had now passed from Gloucestershire into Oxfordshire, and much of the path here coincided with a section of the Oxfordshire Way. The green signs to this long-distance route were a welcome bonus to the yellow arrows on stiles and walls that we had found so useful on the first section of the walk.

The sun finally emerged as we entered Little Rissington churchyard. Inside the church we viewed the west window, which commemorates the members of the RAF and Commonwealth air forces who were stationed at the now disused RAF station nearby.

It was now mid-afternoon, and our aim was to complete the remaining three miles of the 13-mile day walk without getting soaked, and well before opening time. We achieved both, enjoying a fine walk down into the Windrush valley, past the gloriously walled Barrington estate deer park, and arrived at The Fox at Great Barrington in time to enjoy an early evening drink beside the river.

After a satisfying meal, the light, well-hopped bitter and the fruitier best bitter went down especially well in the company of Mr Handy, who briefed us on the rest of the walk.

The following day we awoke, hangover-free, to bright sunshine. Any stiffness soon wore off and we enjoyed a brisk stroll along a breathtaking stretch of the Windrush valley. We lunched beside the river just before Naunton — in my view the prettiest village we walked through. At this stage we went slightly wrong. We missed a sign and emerged on the wrong section of the road to Guiting Power. We put the error down to too much late-morning Donnington beer at The Black Horse at Naunton, but still managed to arrive at The Farmers Arms at Guiting Power in time for another refreshing half of best bitter.



Rainbow Trout

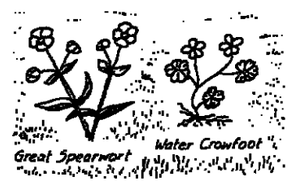
At the Half Way House in Kineton the weather was good enough for us to test the quality of the beer in the garden before a supper of home-made soup and steak.

The next morning saw a wet start to what was to be the most eventful of our three-day bucolic meander. We managed the two miles to the Plough at Ford, one of the prettiest pubs we had encountered. Afterwards, as the rain set in, we gratefully accepted a lift to the Black Bear at Moreton-in-Marsh, thereby cutting about ten miles off what would have been a 20-mile day.

It turned out to be a good decision. We had been warned by Mr Handy that after Moreton we were entering Warwickshire, and the footpath signposting became virtually non-existent. Later that day, we claimed the first real navigational disaster of the trip. From the village of Barton-on-the-Heath, where the first footpath had conveniently been signposted by the Cotswold Rangers, we failed to find a clear path to the next pub, The Red Lion at Little Compton.

After two-and-a-half hours of hard walking round a maze of fields in what we thought was the right direction, we found ourselves at The Red Lion. Unfortunately, it was the wrong Red Lion. Only when we were inside did we realise that this was *Long* Compton.

A quick exit and three weary miles, two of them on a metalled road, brought us to Little Compton. By then the pub was closed and it was not until we got to Stow-on-the-Wold via the also closed Fox at Broadwell that we managed our last pints of Donnington best bitter.



The Queen's Head at Stow, another gnarled stone establishment, with mandatory beamed and flagstoned interior, was conveniently open. We found a sympathetic ear for our woes in landlord Tim Eager, whose bizarre sense of humour had recently extended to having a coffin made of yew in which, in many years time, he intends to be carried out of the pub. In the meantime it serves as a table in the bar. "Three carpenters refused before I could find a man who would make it for me," said Mr Eager, who insisted on driving us the last three miles to the Donnington brewery.

As the day's work there was almost over, the guv'nor took us on a brief tour of the building. We were able to watch the waterwheel that powers the sack hoist. The building is a converted 16th-century cloth mill that has often been described as Britain's most scenic brewery. Most passers-by are bowled over by the setting, in the valley of the river Dickler, the headsprings of which supply the all-important water, or liquor, that is the key to the softness and fresh taste of the Donnington pint.

The beauty of the brewery and the splendour of its products made us all the more keen to return to the Cotswolds and visit the other pubs in Stanton, Snowshill and Willersey.

We had completed 36 miles and seen or visited ten of the 15 Donnington pubs in three days. "Not bad" was the verdict of Mr Handy, for a trip that is designed for five days and four nights.

Walking round the other five pubs is a treat I am already looking forward to next summer.

CLIVE FEWINS

● The Donnington Way, *by Colin Handy, is published by Reardon & Son, 56 Upper Norwood Street, Leckhampton, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL53 ODU. It is available at all 15 Donnington pubs or by post for £3.25 including p&p. The book contains a full list of the Donnington pubs, with telephone numbers and a guide to services offered.*

● *Clive Fewins and Tom stayed at The Fox at Great Barrington (0451 844385), B&B £35 double; £20 single; and The Half Way House at Kineton (0451 850344), B&B £30 double; £20 single.*

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2 attractive slim widows early fifties seek 2 professional gentlemen for friendship, romance. 5'10" plus over 55yrs old. London & home counties. Please Reply to Box No 1202

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WARM, caring, intelligent, attractive female (20s) seeks romantic, educated man (27-35) *for friendship, possible relationship*. Photo please to Box 1681

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ARE you an attractive, slim, *independent, intelligent* and interesting lady who is good fun to be with? If you are, then drop me a few lines (or just telephone no) with photo and we can go from there. I am a slim fit attractive 46 year old professional well travelled solvent gent with a GSOH, based in the Midlands. I have my own hair (going grey), teeth (still white) and *all the other essentials*. Perhaps you thought you'd never answer one of these ads, I never thought I'd write one. Please Reply to Box No 1663

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ARE you attractive, slim, small, uncomplicated, lady, 30/40ish living in the South East, practical, good sense of humour, likes to have fun and enjoy yourself, non-wimpish, romantic, then you must write to me with a photo. I am 46, 5'7", attractive, slim, successful, articulate, sporty, love the town and country life, good food, wine, and having a good time, just a normal man. Reply Box No 1666

ARE you hesitant about replying? Do you appreciate self awareness, fun, travel, arts. If you are slim, n/s, 27-37, living South, globally, who seeks a sharing relationship with educated professional. 5ft 8in, male, 42, Attractive. Reply Box No 1787

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BACHELOR 55 presentable professional & solvent. Ints. incl. Proms, Classic FM, theatrical type. Seeks female 35/50 no *ties. I'm Domesticated.* Photos exchanged. Essex area. Please Reply to Box No 1840

BATH based prof man, 43, WLTM attractive intelligent lady with SOH for fun and romance. Reply Box No 1794

BERKS, nr Camberley, 52 yr old, professional, 5'10" n/s solvent. *Like to keep fit* playing squash, golf, skiing. Enjoys countryside, garden and house making, bridge and most activities. Seeks attractive lady of similar interests in her 40s to share fun & adventures, to love & cherish. Photo please to Box No 1609

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BOX NO 1191. Please contact 0572 464094 *as your message* was curtailed on 1/11

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CARING intelligent male, 46, 5'11". Essex based. Interests include music, reading, walking and conversation, likes children & animals. Seeks female with sense of humour and the ridiculous. Photo appreciated and *returned. Reply to Box No 1627*

CHIVALROUS, Northern mansion dweller (30) seeks that beautiful diamond to add a little sparkle, and share lifes adventures to the full. Please Reply to Box No 1751

CARING, considerate but cautious man, circa 1938, seeks companionship of lovely young lady (my late 40s/early 50s) to brighten-up the dark winter months ahead (by Spring who knows). She should be bright, carefree, sincere, affectionate & feminine. A touch of glamour would be a bonus - a sense of fun is a must. Activities based *on mutual interests* with an emphasis (particularly when it's cold & wet) on the pleasures of a warm home: good music, lively conversation, fine wine & wonderful food (modesty forbids mention of my culinary skills!) Home counties. Recent photo app. to Box No 1886

CHRISTMAS. Wanted Lovely fun intelligent 30's-40's Lady to share Christmas with me in Super Hotel. I'm attractive, intelligent British International Executive based on the Continent, mid 40's, 2 years separated, divorce pending, and would love to be your Santa Claus. I will be in London 11th-14th November. If you would like to spend sometime then. *Please write, with photo*, to Box No 1667

CLOWN - Sorry, clone of David Niven (58). Surrey based, well-off, desperate to make discerning lady 36-50 very happy. Please Reply to Box No 1713

CUMBRIA: professional man 43: single: introvert, average looks: dry SOH: interests travel, history, culture, religion. Sceptical of dating columns and people with leisure to read 'Times Weekend.' To meet lady 30+ having similar or even opposing views. Genuine: long-term. Reply to Box No 1639

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GRADUATE male, 65, S.W. Herts, kind, warm, humorous, wide interests, would love to meet intelligent, buxom female for lasting relationship. *Please* Reply to Box No 1647

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MR. 48 years old, engineer, serious, affectionate, cultured, seeks an elderly gentleman 75-80 years old, who like life: preferentially rather plump and not hairy; enjoying classical *music and paintings: for a* sincere friendship. Please Reply to Box No 1610

NICE guy 46 successful sporty witty likes travelling & socialising. Seeks attractive slim lady up to 38 with GSOH for friendship laughter travel & togetherness. Reply Box No 1752

NO commitment no ties just pure hedonistic fun! Tall slender female 30-45 sought for 44yr old engineer (working abroad 50%) for when back in Blighty. Based Norfolk/West London. Please Reply to Box No 1722

NONE smoking none drinking kind gentle caring 5'8" slim separated wealthy gentleman looking *for similar solvent lady* for lasting loving relationship. Please Reply to Box No 1596

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. Single attractive man, 44, many extras, well educated, affectionate & loyal seeks loving feminine woman, under 40 for ever, it seems. Box No 1638

OXFORD GRADUATE, wife sadly died aged 34, *daughter* boarding, seeks gentle, perceptive, possibly shy Establishment girl, probably 28/35, n.s., believer, who would value the extra love and treasuring of somebody old enough to be her father but full of go. Georgian house in village. Travel, theatre, skiing. Cautious telephoning first. Nobody need know.Box 1809

OXFORD male, 40's solvent business graduate. Seeks attractive female who enjoys eating & drinking well, travel, weekends away in good & sometimes not so good hotels! But always fun, good humour & stylish company. Reply to Box No 1754

OXFORD based 34 year old, tall, N/S, attractive doctor with GSOH, into sport, music, theatre and much more seeks attractive, intelligent lady. Photo appreciated.Box No 1746

PROFESSIONAL man 48, 6'2" well built GSOH very romantic - West Midlands - loves outdoors, wildlife and nature - seeks attractive non-smoking lady 33-48 with similar interests for lasting relationship - must be affectionate. Reply in confidence with recent photo. Please Reply to Box No 1785

PROFESSIONAL 54, tall, widower in Bromley seeks independent sincere homeloving, caring lady Central/South London for possible permanent relationship. Please Reply Box 1381

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SOUTHERN England based prof male in early thirties who is good looking has a GSOH and enjoys sport, music, food and travel would like to hear from like minded young ladies who are looking for a genuine and honest fun relationship. Letter and photo please. Box No 1769

SUCCESSFUL businessman (29) bored with all work and no play seeks lady of similar age good looks/style GSOH & outgoing personality. South /Southwest area. Photo & letter app. to Box No 1721

SURREY, Hants, Berks borders. Professional, 49, 5ft 9ins, slim, good looking, seeks attractive, presentable, sensual lady for longterm friendship, happiness and romance. Together we could enjoy life, country weekends, music, walking, touring France, mutual respect, good conversation, holding hands, cosy fireside evenings, magical moments and much much more. Box No 1815

SURREY-based, 36 going on 26. Tall, slim, solvent, N/S. Only one thing missing. The girl of *my dreams!* I am looking for someone who loves fun, travel and living life to the full, (with no emotional baggage!) My friends tell me that you don't exist. Please prove them wrong! Please Reply to Box No 1672

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VERY attractive male, educated, successful, wonderful lover (modest too!) good SOH London based, seeks warm, sensual female. Photo please. Box 1686

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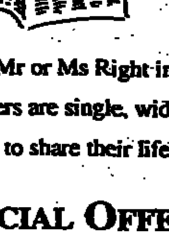
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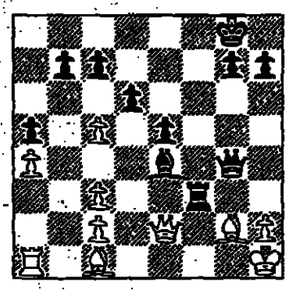
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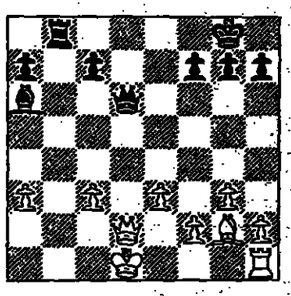
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by Raymond Keene

COMMENTS, queries and games from readers continue to pour in. Remember that every *Times* reader who submits a query, comment or game will receive a complementary issue of the *British Chess Magazine*, while those whose queries are published in *The Times* will receive a six-month free subscription. All queries referring to Winning Move positions should be accompanied by a copy of the diagram in question. The first position is a variation from the game Pentium Genius-Anand, Intel Grand Prix, 1994 and was published in *The Times* as a Winning Move on Wednesday, September 28.

The Pentium Genius's extraordinary calculating ability would not have helped it here, as Black has a quick kill. Can you see it?





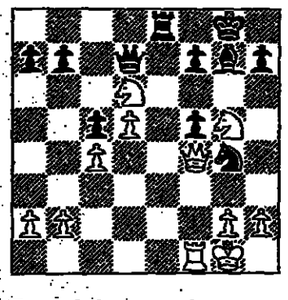
Solution: 1... Rb1+ 2 Kc2 Rb2+!.3 Kxb2 Qxd2+ and Black wins. Robert Laslett of Maidenhead, Stanley Hall of Lancashire and Dr P. Vicary of Weybridge all suggest that Black can win without sacrificial fireworks by playing 1... Bd3, threatening ... Rb1+. This is correct and a neat alternative solution.

The next position is from the game Polgar-Ivanchuk, Monaco 1994, and was published in *The Times as a Winning Move on Friday*, August 19. Judit Polgar is a brilliant tactical player but today's position finds her on the receiving end of a winning combination (diagram top right, Black to play).

Solution: 1... Rf7! leaves White with no good move as 2 Qxg4 Rf1 is mate and if 2 Qxe4 Qd1+. Solomon Malhy of Los Angeles suggests 1... Qxg2+ 2 Qxg2 Rf1 mate, which would be an attractive finish but is rendered irrelevant by the correct *White reply 2 Kxg2 which wins.*

Alan Freedman of Hendon and C. Sweaton of Fleet suggest that 1... Re3 is more accurate than the given solution. However, after 1... Re3 White can play 2 Bxe3 Qxe2 3 Bxe4 Qxe3 4 Bd5+ when White can struggle on.

Finally, Peter Wylie, of Devon, has suggested a more complicated alternative in the game Brinck-Claussen v Littlewood, Varna, 1962, which appeared on October 28.



The solution as given was: 1... Qxd6! 2 Qxd6 Bd4+ 3 Kh1 Nf2+ 4 Kg1 (4 Rxf2 Re1+ mating) 4... Ne4+ 5 Kh1 Nxd6 with an extra piece. Mr Wylie proposes instead 1... Bd4+ 2 Kh1 Nf2+ 3 Rxf2 Re1+ 4 Rf1 and only now 4... Qxd6. However, in this position White can play 5 Qxf5 with the threats of Qc8+, Qxf7+ and Qxh7+, the effect of which is to entirely refute Black's concept.

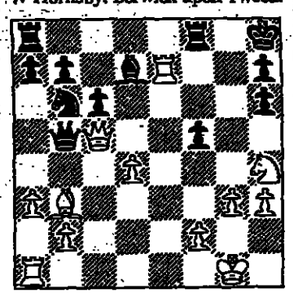
By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Komarov - Smagin, Amantea 1994. White has torn the black kingside open and now finished the game off with a swift and deadly combination. What did he play?

Send your answers on a postcard to *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a British Chess Magazine publication. The answer will be published next Saturday.

Last week's solution: 1 ... Nd5.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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a. A sex maniac
b. A fragrant Alpine shrub
c. A bird

MIHRAB.
a. Signpost to Mecca
b. A legend
c. A jewelled hat

LEKACH
a. A honey cake
b. Confession
c. A male prostitute

MASDEU
a. A drainpipe
b. A dark red wine
c. A fencing visor

Answers on page 25

COMPUTER GAMES

HERE is a Computer Games exclusive and a half; the Prime Minister died yesterday. And no one was more surprised than you when you got his job. Oh, yes. Now the burning question on a nation's lips is just how long can you survive in his job? Have you got what it takes to lead a party to greater power or with you at the helm will it shrivel and die — taking Britain with it?

In Cyberspace Ten, we are asking you to invent an idea for a new game. Mr David Willmets, "fortyish", from Purley, Surrey, has conjured up an entry entitled *Prime Minister*. He writes: "The knives are out — and not just figuratively. Choose a party or make one up then lead it to greater triumphs whilst watching out for the opposition and rivals within your own party.

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Mr Willmets's entry is typical of the ingenuity of the postbag for Cyberspace Ten. Entrants have already conjured up hours of imaginary game-playing ranging from platform games seeking bike messengers to rush human organs across town, to a specialist mountaineering game. Next week we'll look at more of the ideas. If you have not entered already you have until midnight on Monday to do so — so get faxing.

Cyberspace Ten offers six of the best titles from the impressive catalogue of Electronic Arts, starting with Bullfrog's design and run-your-own *Theme Park*. *Wing Commander Armada* is the latest instalment in the series by Chris Roberts for starfighters everywhere. In this version you can battle human opponents and construct your own universe.

System Shock is Doom-esque, although more complicated, taking a first-person perspective in a futuristic world. *Scooter's Magic Castle* is a well-finished education title for five to eight year olds.

Our six winners will receive the above titles on IBM PC floppy discs while the other two will be on CD-ROM. *PGA Golf Tour 486* is a photorealistic golfing game and *FIFA International Soccer* boasts a vast library of animations and playing styles.

To enter you are invited to slip casually into the designer's chair and invent an imaginary game. Originality is the key to winning.

Entries must be between 150 and 350 words. Please include your name, age, address and telephone number and send to Cyberspace Ten, Computer Games, Weekend, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. You may also fax entries to 071-729 6791.

BRIDGE

by Robert Sheehan

ONE of the least enjoyable parts of a bridge player's life is returning to his home club after losing a match his team was expected to win. One thing is for certain: the word will have got around.

The comments range from "How did you get on?", expressed with mock-innocent ignorance, to "Did they hold better cards?", and, particularly when it was close, and there were ten hands on which the match could have been won, "I suppose there was nothing you could do". My *cher collègue* Boris Schapiro is particularly good at delivering that last one in gravely sympathetic tones.

I had to endure the full treatment recently, when a team I played for containing five of the 1993 Gold Cup winners lost in this year's competition to Harold Schogger's team.

As the margin was five International Match Points, (equivalent to say two vulnerable undertricks), there were certainly several hands on which we could have won the match. Here is one example:

Dealer South — East-West vul.

	♠KQ94 ♥A1043 ♦5 ♣KJ54	
♠J732 ♥J852 ♦10872 ♣Q	N W E S	♠A10865 ♥Q9 ♦Q6 ♣9832
	♠— ♥K76 ♦AKJ943 ♣A10 7 6	

Contract: 6♣ by South. Opening lead: ♠2

Luckily I have not got enough space to describe how Ata-Ullah and I stumbled into Six Clubs. The contract was not a particularly good one, although it was improved by the spade lead.

Ata-Ullah played the king of spades from dummy and ruffed East's ace. Then he played ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond low, East playing the queen on the second round. How should the declarer proceed?

The only danger on the hand is a bad club break. Frequently it is correct with this type of club holding not to release the high honours early. So Ata-Ullah played a club to the ten, with the idea of keeping control if East held four clubs. West won the queen of clubs and returned a diamond, forcing dummy to ruff high, and now the contract went one off.

The declarer should have realised that he could not cope with four clubs in the *West* hand by this line. More careful analysis shows it is safe to play off the king of clubs before continuing with a low one, intending to play the ten if East follows. Say the worst happens and East shows out. South puts on the ace of clubs and cashes three diamonds (it doesn't help West to ruff) leaving this position:

South to play

	♠Q9 ♥A10 ♦— ♣J	
♠? ♥? ♦— ♣Q9	N W E S	immaterial
	♠— ♥K76 ♦3 ♣10	

Provided West originally started with at least two cards in hearts, South makes the contract by crossing to the ace of hearts, ruffing a spade and continuing with his last diamond. As the cards lie, the play of the king of clubs would have brought home the contract.

Towards the end of the match we had another opportunity:

Dealer South — Love all

	♠J4 ♥KJ85 ♦J54 ♣K873	
♠K9852 ♥A1074 ♦Q10 ♣AQ	N W E S	♠Q10763 ♥Q983 ♦98 ♣65
	♠A ♥2 ♦AK8732 ♣J10942	

S	W	N	E
Ata-Ullah		Sheehan	
1♦	1♠	Double(1)	2♠
5♣(2)	Double	All pass	

Opening lead: ♠5

1. Negative double. 2. Pushy, but affected by the match score.

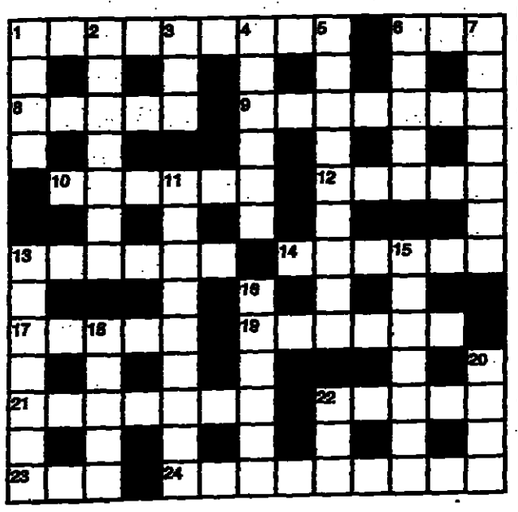
After winning the first trick South led the jack of clubs to the ace from West. West cashed the ace of hearts (East playing the nine), and played a second spade, ruffed high by South. How should South play the diamonds after drawing the remaining trumps and cashing the king of hearts?

Ata-Ullah took the view that as East had only bid Two Spades over my Double he was unlikely to have five spades. (It is true that some tournament players would have made a pre-emptive raise of Three Spades with the East hand.) So if East had four spades West had six: East's high-low play in hearts suggested that that suit was divided 4-4, so that only left room for West to have one diamond. As the singleton nine or ten was twice as likely as the singleton queen, Ata led the jack from dummy, intending to play East for an original holding of queen-ten-small or queen-nine-small.

East played the nine of diamonds under the jack, but Ata dismissed this as a pathetic attempt to divert him from the winning line. He ran the jack to East's queen — one down, game, set and match to Schogger. Only a top-class player could go off on this hand, Ata assures me. Ah well, wait till next year..



No 311



ACROSS
1 Complete; dispose of (6,3)
6 Research building (abbr.) (3)
8 Suggest a consequence (5)
9 Muslim man's headgear (7)
10 Be cautious (of) (6)
12 Abyss (5)
13 Act inconsequentially; swindle (6)
14 Circle of light round sun, moon; cigar (6)
17 Language of Virgil, Ovid (5)
19 Allot (task) (6)
21 Become less refined (7)
22 Trust (5)
23 Towards the stern (3)
24 Of the art of teaching (9)

DOWN
1 Cause distress, hurt (4)
2 Understand (speech) by sight (3-4)
3 Throw; nervous (3)
4 Beginning (6)
5 Savage (9)
6 Girl, Petrarch's inspiration (5)
7 Former kingdom, part of Czech Republic (7)
11 Utterly (3,4,2)
13 Mediterranean lateen-rigged vessel (7)
15 Continuing (7)
16 Destined for hell (6)
18 Treatise; area of land (5)
20 Smart, fashionable (4)
22 Warm, stale atmosphere (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 310
ACROSS: 7 Evening dress 9 Henpeck 10 Audio 11 Gift 12 Idolised 15 Militare 17 Iris 19 Infer 21 Aquatic 22 Unconvincing
DOWN: 1 Eventful 2 Unmet 3 Snaked 4 Ideally 5 Lewd 6 As cold as ice 8 The game is up 13 Scrutiny 14 Staring 16 Tragic 18 Hunch 20 Fact

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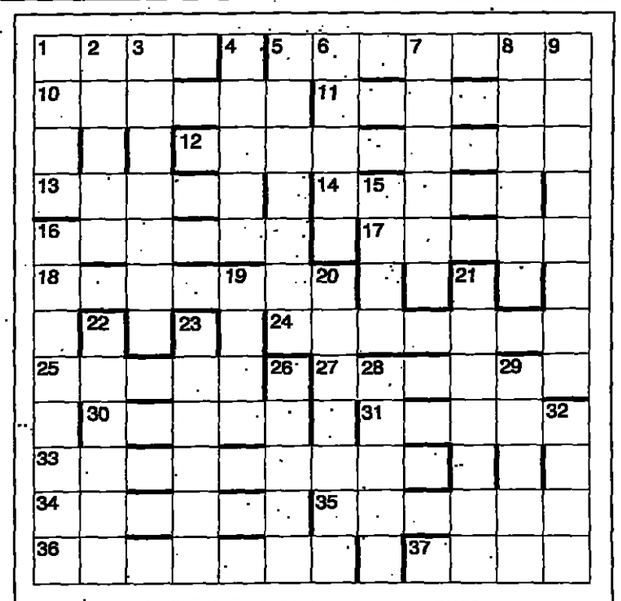
No. 3278: BESS, by BeRo

EACH player has a piece of paper with a (famous) name, familiar to the assembled company, displayed on the forehead — visible to all except that player. By asking questions with "yes" or "no" answers in turn (a "turn" lasts until a "no" answer is received), each player aims to deduce her/his name. The winner is the player who first guesses correctly; the game can continue till all have succeeded, or frustration sets in. In such a game, one player asked the questions listed below. Deductions from eight solutions, in clue order, provide the answers, which can be combined together to reveal indications of a name. Five other entries (16a, 27a, 7d, 8d, 22d) to the diagram should be in code, derived by a simple substitution process with a three-word phrase. The pre-coded words are anagrams of the clue solutions: four of the pre-coded words are thematically related (via Spenser's word) to the name deducible above; the fifth also connects to that name. Apart from the coded lights, all words are in, or derivable from, *Chambers* 1993.

Questions: 1. Am I male? 2. Am I English? 3. Am I alive? 4. Am I a sportsman? 5. Am I in the field of Arts and Literature? 6. Did I die before the 20th century? 7. Am I a painter? 8. Am I a poet?

ACROSS
1 Each has-been star goes after the last (4)
5 Acknowledgement date to see about "bally" bone (7)
10 Angstrom plays role with atomic space (6)
11 Lassos head to catch one, a thoroughbred's head (6)
12 Wine lake in France — to bottle undo eg bung (down under) ... (9)
13 ... once to lose sediment, rare St Emilion broached (5)
14 Longed for hidden cold to go (5)
16 Her kite's flying — take note — like a bird (6)
17 Imprisoned by misdeed, I learnt from magistrate (5)
18 Half time packing work in El Salvador crops up (7)
24 Submerged in Scotland, that's about it for local tapeworms (7)
25 Adela Lambert migrated to a place in Spain (5)
27 0 degrees cold to spoil a pear (6)
30 Gossip starts to yap excitedly, now telling anyone ... (5)
31 ... with spleen about Ida's first dalliance in bed (5)
33 Angle with two nets arranged haphazardly (9)
34 TV performance has independent broadcast use — three cheers? (6)
35 Velum sheets (a thousand at first) are makeshift (6)
36 Wrongly admires spoilt children (7)
37 Take out-of-date cheese to Italian, not American (4)

DOWN
1 Time easily moderated limitations of inheritance (4)
2 Milton's acquired fifty from lender, mistakenly (5)
3 Doctors see red about my old-fashioned cures (7)
4 Audibly fire clay (5)
5 Fragment from Canterbury Tales translated without all sections (7)
6 Investigatory method got gold and silver returned — note, in advance (5)
7 Big dog stands tall, biting own tail (6)
8 Pack of cards lacking black suits held by very short Scot (6)
9 Abstained from sowing seed to harvest tobacco (8)
15 Hole provides shelter to cover up nuclear energy (4)
16 10g forced mega-arc after induction of discharge (6)
19 Most neutral N American especially gets disturbed — look inside (4)
20 Japanese title to E Indian fruits passes to Turkish subdivisions (7)
21 Being allowed to play ball right at any time. Not so for beginners (7)
22 He carries liquor (6)
23 By no means hang around bearing a flag (6)
26 Fleshy corneas need treatment (5)
28 Naturally, log in Australia comes from trees (5)
29 View they spoiled with interior design (5)
32 Etna's erupting's finished (4)



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Solution to No. 3275
Symphony in four movements, by Nibor

Symphonic answers were composers who have written symphonies, the lights being their names, suitably "moved", and containing the same number of letters as the tempo markings (Vivace 6, Lento 5 etc) which also served as keywords. Composers were (in clue order): Beethoven (Ludwig), Mahler (Gustav), Schumann (Robert), Vaughan-Williams (Ralph), Liszt (Franz), Bruckner (Anton), Mozart (Wolfgang), Martinu (Bohuslav), Brian (Havergal), Saint-Saens (Camille), Walton (William) Dvorak (Antonin). The keys for the four movements were C, A, G, E (see [John] Cage — answer to 9th normal down clue). The "movement" consisted of placing the answer under the keyword, "moving" it along the numbers of letters corresponding to the key — 3 letters for C, 1 for A, 7 for G and 5 for E — and adding the resultant two letters. Thus in the first clue the answer Beethoven led to Ludwig which moved 3 places for the key of C, giving V+W = S, I+I = R, V+G = C, A+L = M, C+U = X and E+D = I.

The winner, who receives book tokens worth £50, is Mr R.A. Dearman, of Manchester. Book tokens worth £20 go to Michael Kindred, of Southwell, Nottinghamshire, and H. Charles Davis, of Horrabridge, Devon.

Correction to Listener Crossword No. 3277: the clue "Digit sum of 25 equals digit sum of 17" should have read "Digit sum of 25 equals digit sum of 17". The closing date for entries remains Thursday November 10.



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